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\$3 passenger fee takes effect

By IVA MAURIN iva maurin@saipantribune.com

eginning today, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources will be collecting a \$3 per passenger loading fee at the Smiling Cove

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Acting governor Arnold I. Pa-

Marina.

This comes after the 10-day grace period for the collection of the fee expired. It was the DLNR's Division of Fish and Wildlife that set the fee.

Prior to the implementation of the fee, DFW met with marina stakeholders to explain the new system.

The money collected

>> No docking fee, no passenger fee, no loading of passenger

through the passenger fee will be used for the maintenance and operation of the transient dock within the Smiling Cove Marina, which will be used to load and unload passengers, in lieu of the Outer Cove Marina, which has been closed for being unsafe for public use.

The new passenger loading scheme would also feature

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After 20 years of visits, Russian bids adieu

» Russians no longer allowed to enter CNMI without visa effective last week

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com

It is easy to forget that any change in government policy

often means disrupted lives.

Yuri, a Russian national who has been visiting Saipan every year for two decades now, is bidding Saipan adieu for the last time and will possibly never see Saipan again.



Cavanagh

This comes after the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, effective Thursday last week, stopped the entry of Russian tourists to the CNMI and Guam without first obtaining a U.S. visa.

Gloria Cavanagh, who chairs the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and is general manager of Pacific

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Damage assessment still necessary'

By ERWIN ENCINARES

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With Super Typhoon Hagibis now out of the CNMI's area of responsibility, damage assessment can now start, according to acting governor Arnold I. Palacios yesterday.

Hagibis is now spinning toward Japan after nearly hitting the CNMI early Monday morning and, while there was "minimal damage" based on

a windshield tour of the island, Palacios said it was still damage for Saipan residents, regardless.

"Damage assessments are supposed to start today | northern Syria on Wednesday

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Turkey begins offensive vs Kurdish fighters in Syria

AKCAKALE, Turkey (AP)—Turkey launched airstrikes, fired artillery and began a ground offensive against Kurdish fighters in

from the area, paving the way for an assault on forces that have long been allied with the President Donald Trump to United States.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced the start of the campaign,

which followed the abrupt decision Sunday by U.S. essentially abandon the Syrian Kurdish fighters, leaving them vulnerable to a Turkish

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PHI Pharmacy would be leaving the Commonwealth Health Center this weekend.





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A heavily armed assailant shot two people to death in a synagogue in Germany.

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The Nobel Prize in chemistry goes to three for their work on lithiumion batteries.

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All international flights to fully operational on Oct. 8, and from Saipan resumed on



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Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 8, 2019. All domestic flights resumed yesterday, Oct. 9, 2019. Additionally, all airport services have resumed, including the U.S. Customs and Border

Protection and Transportation Security Administration operations, the main terminal's parking booth at the Saipan airport, and the airport car rentals.

Likewise, as of 3pm on Oct. 8, 2019, all Commonwealth Ports Authority seaports are now open and are also fully operational. CPA administrative offices are open and have resumed normal business hours.

As for the red helicopter seen in front of XO Market on Middle Road last Oct. 7, CPA said in a statement yesterday that it is aware of the red helicopter owned by Vertical Aviation Saipan. The statement said: "CPA management has spoken with the pilot, and CPA subsequently forwarded its concerns to an inspector employed by the Federal Aviation Administration. The Federal Aviation Administration inspector is currently in the process of reviewing and investigating this matter." (Saipan Tribune)



Batch 2 of rebates to be mailed out next Friday

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The second and final batch of tax rebates for fiscal year 2019 will likely be released next

>> Software

delays

remaining

tax rebates

Friday, according to Department of Finance Secretary David Atalig.

The final touches on the remaining \$2 million

in tax rebates for fiscal year 2019 would be completed next week and distributed by next Friday, Oct. 18, 2019, Atalig told Saipan Tribune in an interview.

In following up on the second batch of tax rebates, which were supposed to be distributed in mid-September according to Atalig, Saipan Tribune learned that changes in the tax formula implemented in fiscal year 2019 caused some issues in the calculations of the tax rebates.

"We...should be finalizing our second batch [of tax re-

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bates] this week. Hopefully, our consultants clear everything, and we would be releasing the second batch by next Friday," he told Saipan Tribune.

> While tax rebates are supposed to be paid within the fiscal year, Atalig noted that tax reforms caused some er-

rors in the software his department uses in the calculation of rebates.

That and the devastation of Super Typhoon Yutu in late October 2018 didn't help at all with the rebate distribution.

"It is what it is," he said, responding to a question if tax rebates for fiscal year 2019 can



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be carried over into fiscal year 2020. "We are doing our best to process and, at the same time, we had issues because the federal tax laws changed in 2018. We had to reprogram and re-

customize our tax system to accommodate the [changes], so it has been a trial and error, trying to get clearance in terms of numbers.'

Atalig noted that accuracy

causing the delay in the second batch's distribution.

"We don't want to go back saying [the Finance Department] owes you [money]

or you owe us. It obviously didn't help to not have the funds at the time to release... but we were able to put some money aside," Atalig said.

Tax rebates amount to nearly \$21 million, \$11 million of which is for the federallyfunded child tax rebate.



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PSS classes half-day today except double session schools to resume classes. Eight schools

By MARC A. VENUS

The Public School System announced yesterday that classes today, Oct. 11, will just be half-day sessions, calling it Professional Development Half-Day Friday.

In a Facebook post yesterday, PSS recommended that parents refer to their respective schools' dismissal times for Half-Day Fridays.

Schools that are on double session schedules are exempt from Half-Day Fridays. Double session schools will follow their regular daily schedules/times.

The double session schools are William S. Reyes, Oleai, San Vicente, Koblerville, and Kagman elementary schools, as well as Chacha Ocean View and Francisco M. Sablan middle schools.

PSS resumed classes yesterday after schools completed post-Super Typhoon Hagibis preparations.

Acting Education commissioner Charley Kenty reported last Wednesday that no school sustained any appreciable damage from Hagibis and are ready

were used as emergency shelters for the super typhoon.

Early dismissal at **boowaoH**

Hopwood Middle School was forced to end classes early yesterday due to a power outage. At 10:30am yesterday, PSS announced that Hopwood Middle School students are dismissed at 11:30am yesterday to "address some concerns on campus." Line crews from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. arrived at the Hopwood campus at 11am yesterday and were able to restore power at 12pm.

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wristbands that boat operators would give to each passenger, as a way to monitor the number of passengers being loaded using the dock.

"[Today], when they [boat operators] have customers, they just put that [wristband] within their customers' wrists," DFW director Manny M. Pangelinan explained. "It is like a FastPass in amusement parks. If you have a Fast-Pass, you can go first."

Passengers with wristbands

would then be able to go to the loading gate to get boarded. Passengers without wristbands would have to wait.

Boats that are ready, and have registered and paid the fees to participate in the loading and offloading at the transient dock, will then be called to pick up the passengers, based on capacity.

As of 1pm yesterday, Pangelinan identified five companies that have already paid the fees: Big Boyz Marine Sports Inc., BSEA, Inc., Saipan Sun Co., Tropical Leisure Sports, and JM Co. Ltd. He added that other companies have also been slowly coming in.

Pangelinan expects that not all boat operators would comply with the new regulation.

"I really do expect it, I really expect that something's [going to] go wrong," Pangelinan said. "If something goes wrong [today], I'm going to look at it, assess it, and find the solution."

DFW expects to generate data on the number of passengers under the new scheme.

"In a quarter, [we would be able to have data on] how much we collected in October, how much we collected in November, and how much we

collected in December," Pangelinan said, adding that the DFW by then would be able to provide the public a rundown of all its expenses in the operation of the transient dock.

'We need to make things transparent so that people will be confident that we are making money to operate the dock for the commercial boaters, and in turn, it helps the tourist industry." Pangelinan said.

Fish and Wildlife will also be maintaining a ledger and will be holding a quarterly meeting, which the public can attend, as part of its commitment to the Open Government Act.

included two Christian As-

The Turkish operation meant to create a "safe zone" carries potential gains and risk for Turkey by getting its forces even more deeply involved in the Syria war. It also ignites new fighting in Syria's 8-yearold war, potentially displacing

A resident of Tal Abyad said one of the bombs hit an SDF post, and he fled with his wife and mother by car to Raqqa, nearly 100 kilometers (60 miles) to the south, to flee the bombing. The resident, who gave his name as Maher, said the road to Raqqa was packed with vehicles and families, some fleeing on foot "to get away from the bombing."

"People fled and left ev-

in a text message after he reached safety.

Turkey has long threatened to attack the Kurdish fighters that Ankara considers terrorists allied with a Kurdish insurgency in Turkey. Expectations of an invasion increased after Trump's announcement Sunday, although he also threatened to "totally destroy and obliterate" Turkey's economy if the Turkish push went too far.

U.S. critics said he was sacrificing an ally, the Syrian Kurdish forces, and undermining Washington's credibility. Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Trump ally, told "Fox & Damp; Friends" that if Trump "follows through with this, it would be the biggest mistake of his presidency.'

Trump later said the U.S. "does not endorse this attack and has made it clear to Turkey that this operation is a bad idea."

RUSSIAN

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Islands Club Saipan, said that the Russian tourist, whom she only named as Mr. Yuri, has been coming to Saipan for 20 years now and his visit this year is his 20th.

Mr. Yuri's wife, who was also a Russian national, used to come with him to the CNMI but she passed away a few years ago, Cavanagh said, yet Mr. Yuri still comes to the island.

Last Tuesday, one of the hotel's managers saw Mr. Yuri watering an ironwood tree near PIC. When asked why, Mr. Yuri explained that it was his 18th time to visit PIC and, each time he and his wife would come here, they would water the tree. He said that when they started doing that, the tree was still small but, throughout the years, it has now become tall and robust. Seeing the tree, Mr. Yuri said he felt compelled to water it, as he and his wife have done so many times before.

Cavanagh said that Mr. Yuri has been very emotional on this trip as he knows he will not be able to travel back to Saipan with ease. This is Mr. Yuri's second trip to Saipan this year.

Cavanagh said that Mr. Yuri is like any other Russian tourist who would spend 45 days on the island.

She said the decision of the U.S. government to remove the parole program and its effect on the economy may be minimal but it has far-reaching ramifications. "We are talking about tourists that are repeat guests that have been coming here for many, many years," she said.

Cavanagh said that since there is no direct flight from Russia, their guests from that country is actually very small. "But we still have those guests like Mr. Yuri that come here and have been here [several times]," she said.

Cavanagh said that when met Mr. Yuri at PIC last Tuesday, Oct. 1, he told her this would be the last time he would be visiting Saipan, because he would now have to apply for a U.S. visa first and wait. She said that, according to Mr. Yuri, it sometimes takes months just to obtain a visa to come here.

"So it's sad," she said.

Cavanagh said she does not think anyone was actually paying attention to the issue because there are no more

direct flights from Russia. "I don't think that we actually had it in our view or thought process that they would take this market away," she said.

Cavanagh believes the DHS decision has probably something to do with asylum. Although there are no asylum cases here, there are plenty of such cases in Guam, she added.

The revocation of the parole program for Russian tourists was also unexpected because it is such a small market for the CNMI. "It's rather a shock because I was actually on vacation when...they announced it," she said, adding that she did not expect that to happen.

Cavanagh said she would understand if there were a lot of asylum seekers here, but since most of the asylum seekers are in Guam, it didn't make sense to include the CNMI in the equation.

"It is just such a small wonderful niche of a market that we have here on Saipan that we have had for years. So those particular customers will [going to] be missed,"

Last month, Marianas Visitors Authority board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce she was surprised and disappointed with the federal government's sudden decision to end parole for Russian tourists, which MVA believes will mean the loss of thousands of dollars for the CNMI's fragile economy almost overnight.

Aldan-Pierce said they are particularly concerned that the federal government made the sudden decision without consulting the CNMI or giving it notice that it was ending the Commonwealth's access to a critical source market.

According to DHS notice published in the Federal Register, as of Oct. 3, 2019, Russian nationals will be unable to enter both the CNMI and Guam for business or pleasure under the discretionary parole authority.

Aldan-Pierce said CNMI has sought to grow Russian market since Russian tourists first started arriving in 2005.

In 2005, the CNMI had only 250 arrivals from Russia. The number grew over the years to a high of approximately 14,000 annual Russian arrivals in 2014.

While the number of Russian tourists has declined, MVA has noted that each Russian family typically stays longer and spends more.

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offensive that was widely condemned around the world.

The decision was a major shift in U.S. policy and drew opposition from all sides at home. It also marked a stark change in rhetoric by Trump, who during a press conference in New York last year vowed to stand by the Kurds, who have been America's only allies in Syria fighting the Islamic State group . Trump said at the time that the Kurds "fought with us" and "died with us," and insisted that America would never forget.

After Erdogan announced the offensive, Trump called the operation "a bad idea." Later Wednesday, he said he didn't want to be involved in "endless, senseless wars."

In northern Syria, residents of the border areas were in a panic and got out on foot, in cars and with rickshaws piled with mattresses and a few belongings. It was a wrenchingly familiar scenario for the many who, only a few years ago, had fled the advances on their towns and villages by the Islamic

Plumes of smoke could be seen rising near the town of Qamishli and clashes continued late Wednesday amid intense shelling as Turkey struck at least six different border towns along a 290mile (300-kilometer) stretch. At least seven civilians and three members of the Kurdishled force known as the Syrian Democratic Forces were killed in the Turkish bombardment, Kurdish activists and a Syria war monitor said.

Turkey's campaign—in which a NATO member rained down bombs on an area where hundreds of U.S. troops had been stationed—drew immediate criticism and calls for restraint from Europe. In his statement, Trump emphasized that there are no American soldiers in the immediate area under attack.

"Our mission is to prevent the creation of a terror corridor across our southern border, and to bring peace to the area," Erdogan said in a tweet announcing what he called "Operation Peace Spring."

He said that Turkish forces, with Ankara-backed Syrian fighters known as the Syrian National Army, had begun to eradicate what he called "the threat of terror" against Turkey.

Mustafa Bali, a spokesman for the U.S.-backed SDF, said Turkish warplanes were targeting "civilian areas" in northern Syria and that shells also had fallen near a prison guarded by Kurds and holding some of the most dangerous IS militants. The AP could not verify the report independently.

In Washington, officials said two British militants believed to be part of an Islamic State group that beheaded hostages and was known as "The Beatles" had been moved out of a detention center in Syria and were in U.S. custody.

Before Turkey's attack, Syrian Kurdish forces who control nearly 30 percent of Syria's territory warned of a "humanitarian catastrophe." More than 2 million people live in the area impacted by the attacks, according to aid groups.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said those killed in the Turkish bombardments syrians in Qamishli, a married couple and their child, a man in a village outside the town of Tal Abyad, and a child in a village west of Oamishli.

hundreds of thousands.

erything behind," he said

DAMAGE

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[Thursday], and the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency is on-island. We are going to start doing assessments," he said. "We went around the island. Some areas have very minimal [damage], but that is not to say [there is no damage at all]. We need to make those evaluations so our federal partners—U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other agencies-are also making those assessments."

Palacios further noted that the CNMI was "blessed" in that Super Typhoon Hagibis did not directly hit the CNMI's major islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, and only directly

hitting the uninhabited island of Anatahan

Hagibis is currently en route to Japan with maximum sustained winds of 160mph. Super Typhoon Hagibis was

described by national media as a typhoon that demonstrated "rapid intensification" by jumping the whole spectrum of the typhoon intensity rankings from a category 1 tropical storm last Saturday to a category 5 super typhoon early Monday morning.

The White House has already approved a request for an emergency declaration in the CNMI that would allow the CNMI to access federal resources.

Palacios sent the request to the White House Monday afternoon. It was approved early Tuesday morning.

Phan gets more time to stay out of prison

The federal court has extended up to Nov. 5 the period of time when businessman David Trung Quoc Phan is allowed to remain free despite his recent conviction.

This developed as Phan hired Stephen Woodruff as his new counsel in his appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court. Phan is appealing his conviction for two counts of mail fraud, three counts of fraud in foreign labor contracting, and one count of fraud and misuse of visas and permits.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona extended Phan's release because the U.S. Probation Office confirmed that defendant has been in compliance with the terms of his release.

Manglona also noted that assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe, counsel for the U.S. government, said at a status conference last Friday that Phan is not a flight risk.

During Friday's hearing, Phan, who appeared without a lawyer, informed the court that he anticipates filing a petition for writ of certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court.

The defendant argued that his deadline to file that petition is Nov. 4, 2019. He asked the court to continue the status conference to allow him to perfect his appeal with the assistance of new lawyer, Woodruff.

Daniel Guidotti used to be Phan's counsel in his appeal. David J. Lujan substituted Guidotti, then Clyde Lemons later substituted Lujan.

Manglona continued the status conference to Nov. 5, 2019.

A federal jury convicted Phan on Oct. 18, 2017. The court sentenced him to eight months of imprisonment, and two years of supervised release.

Phan appealed his conviction to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He also moved for his temporary release pending a decision by the Ninth Circuit on his appeal. The District Court granted Phan's motion for temporary release last May 2.

Last June 18, the Ninth Circuit affirmed Phan's conviction over his role in a scheme to bring Bangladeshi men to Saipan on promises of jobs and green cards in exchange for cash.

That judgment took effect last Aug. 14 when the Ninth Circuit issued the mandate.

Consequently, Manglona set a status conference for last Friday, Oct. 4, to address Phan's self-surrender. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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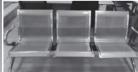






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The hotline is (670) 237-8000. It will be open from 9am

to 3pm on Friday, Oct. 11, and Saturday, Oct. 12. Operators will be standing by ready to

assist residents.

Incoming calls will be referred to field assessors, who will visit the residence to assess the validity of the reported damage.

Note that this is only for new damage as a result of Super Typhoon Hagibis. (PR)

Suffering from domestic abuse? Help is available

If you are or anyone you know is a victim of domestic violence, know that help is available.

Karidat Social Services counselor Elaine Dela Cruz said their organization has a victim advocacy program, and that they can help provide support and services [to victims of domestic abuse].

"Domestic violence is still very prevalent in our community," Dela Cruz said. "We just need to find a way to send out the messages of hope and support, and that there are some available out in the community to help those who are suffering from domestic violence."

Karidat has been lending time and providing support to the community in support of the proclamation of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"Whether or not they [the victims] come forward today or tomorrow, if they know that help is available, then it sends an important message that we care, and we want to reach out and raise awareness on the issue," Dela Cruz added.

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Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, expect hazardous surf along north and west facing reefs falling to 8 to 10 feet today on both Tinian and Saipan.

Also, coastal waters on both Saipan and Tinian are expected to subside to between 7 and 9 feet by this afternoon.

On Rota, combined seas of 8 to 10 feet will subside to between 7 and 9 feet by Friday afternoon.

Those operating smaller vessels should avoid sailing in these conditions.

The public is advised not to venture out along north, west, or south facing reefs and beaches. Breaking waves can knock you down and cause serious injuries. Strong rip currents will be life threatening. (Saipan Tribune)

contact 234-6981. Karidat is located at the Sister Remedios Community Center, the former Sister Remedios Pre-School building on Chalan Kanoa Drive, in Chalan Kanoa Village.

In addition, for more information about supporting survivors, call the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence at 234-3878, the Family Violence Task Force at 664-4584, or the National Domestic Violence Hotline website at thehotline.org.

A vast majority of domestic violence cases go unreported. More than 12 million women and men fall victims to rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States.

Here in the CNMI, 73 cases of domestic violence were prosecuted last year alone, with the Department of Public Safety attending to 239 calls regarding domestic abuse.

For the past 39 years, Karidat has been responding to people in need, including victims of human trafficking, and those who are suffering from domestic and sexual violence.

"People fleeing domestic violence, whether it be men or women, are so much stronger that they know, and that they are already surviving, and that hopefully, one day, when they do seek out the services, the services will be there to help them so much better," Dela Cruz said. (Iva Maurin)

Resource condition report on AMP available

The U.S. National Park Service announced yesterday that the publication Natural Resource Condition Assessment Report for the American Memorial Park is now available to the public. The NRCA provides a broad range of data regarding conditions of the natural resources within the park and surrounding areas.

The project is a result of a cooperative partnership with American Memorial Park, the University of Guam Marine Laboratory and its project partner, Pacific Coastal and Regional Planning. The NRCA addresses five resource groupings representing the most prominent natural assets of the park: mangroves and wetlands, coastal scrub

and secondary forest, shore and near-shore environment, developed green space, and hydrological features. For each of these components the NRCA explains the importance of the resource to the park, measures the resource condition based on historic baselines and changes over time, and provides a graphic depiction of current resource conditions, employing maps and images. The study culminates with an in-depth discussion of threats and stressors to park resources and the identification of data gaps and research themes.

The publication is available for viewing at: https://irma. nps.gov/DataStore/Reference/ Profile/2265680. (NPS)





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Manglona: Hillbroom's lawsuit will proceed as a jury trial

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com

The lawsuit filed by a son of the late DHL co-founder and former owner Larry Lee Hillblom against his two former lawyers and trustee will proceed as a jury trial.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona informed yesterday all the parties in the case about her decision.

At a motions hearing, Theodore Frank, counsel for lawyer Barry J. Israel, and lawyer David J. Lujan informed the court that they do not waive a

jury trial.

Keith Waibel, who is the former trustee of Junior Larry Hillbroom, informed the court that he waives a jury trial.

Hillbroom is suing his former counsel, Israel and Lujan, and his former trustee, Waibel, accusing them of mismanaging approximately \$90 million that he inherited as Hillblom's heir.

The trial is set to start on Nov. 19, 2019.

According to the minutes of the hearing, Manglona postponed the hearing originally set for today, Oct. 11, on Israel and Lujan's motion for summary judgment to Oct. 23, 2019, at 9am.

Hillbroom, a Palauan, is one of the four DNA-proven children of Hillblom. His name is spelled differently from that of Hillblom. The three other children are Jellian Cuartero, a Filipino; Mercedita Feliciano, a Filipino; and Nguyen Be Lory, a Vietnamese.

Hillblom died in a seaplane crash off Anatahan waters on a flight from Pagan to Saipan on May 21, 1995, leaving behind an estate worth approximately \$550 million. The bodies of the pilot and a business partner were found, but Hillblom's body was never recovered.

Applicants sought for MC internship

The Micronesia Challenge is now accepting applications for its Young Champion Internship Program for 2019-2020.

"We are seeking to place and support young conservation "champions" in each of the five island jurisdictions of Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam, to assist with outreach and education of the [Micronesia Challenge]," said regional coordinator Geraldine Datuin.

Up to \$6,000 is available for each jurisdiction.

Applicants for the internship program must be a citizen

and/or a permanent resident of Micronesia, between the ages 17-25, and currently enrolled in a college/university and/or a recent college graduate.

The applicants must also be passionate about and dedicated to ensuring the wellbeing of Micronesians and their unique and vital natural landscapes and resources.

The interns are typically expected to work for about 40 hours a month, for an entire year.

The "young champions" will work with the Micronesia Challenge coordinator, Focal Points, and partners, and will be housed in host agencies

and non-government organizations in each jurisdiction.

Deadline for the submission of applications is on Oct. 31, 2019, Thursday.

The Micronesia Challenge was launched in 2005 by the region's heads of government, in recognition of the growing threats to Micronesia's natural resources. The goal is to effectively conserve 30% of near-shore marine resources and 20% of terrestrial resources by 2020.

For more information and to request an application, contact MC coordinator Geraldine Datuin at mcro.coordinator@gmail.com. (Iva Maurin)







Tinian got back power, water supply

As of Tuesday, most residents of Tinian got back their power supply and 99% of the island's water services were back online, according to Commonwealth Utilities executive director Gary P. Camacho.

He said feeders 2 and 3 went online at 2:27pm.

Camacho said the station power was also online and ready to energize the remaining feeders.

He said power transmission and distribution damage assessment is ongoing.

As for Tinian's water supply, Camacho reported Tuesday night that the Maui II Pump Station was online with backup generator power.

He said water services were

back at San Jose Village, the Tinian Health Center, Department of Public Safety/Fire Department, Tinian Mayor's Office, subdivision, Housing/Broadway Estates, Marpo Heights I and II, Marpo Valley, and portions of Carolinas Heights/Suicide Cliff area.

As for Saipan's power supply, Camacho said that feeder 7 was online as of Tuesday at 4:16pm, energizing Lower Base, Tanapag Elementary School, Tanapag, Santa Remedios Church, As Mahetog, Achugao, San Roque, As Matuis, and Marpi.

Camacho said the lateral across San Roque Chuch was offline, pending repairs by power crew. (Ferdie de la Torre)

DCCA shelter occupants are back home

As of 10am yesterday, all shelter occupants have returned to their homes, according to Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert Hunter.

He said a total of 4 families, consisting of 27 individuals, stayed at the DCCA shelter at the Office of Aging, after being transferred out of the emergency shelter provided by the Public School System.

He said that shelterees were moved from Kagman High School and Marianas High School last Wednesday after PSS resumed classes on Saipan and Tinian yesterday.

PSS had designated eight schools as emergency shelters: MHS, KHS, San Vicente Elementary School, Koblerville Elementary School, Chalan Kanoa Head Start, Dandan Head Start, Tanapag Middle School, and Tinian Elementary School.

As of 11am last Wednesday, all of these shelters were closed and the remaining occupants were transported to the Office of Aging.

The Office of Aging now returns to normal operations. (Marc A. Venus)

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Join the Marianas Writers' movement

The second in a series of workshops about planning your novel is set for today, Oct. 11, 2019, from 3pm to 5pm, at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. It is free and open to anyone age 13 and older. You do not have to attend all workshops, so if you missed the first one, it is not too late. This project is part of the "Rekindling Marianas Narratives: Write Your Novel!" mini-grant program and is made possible by support from the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, a non-profit, private corporation funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities. (PR)

Public square rosary crusade

In celebration of the 102nd anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, the public is invited to join the 2019 Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 11:30am to 1pm, at the Minachom Atdao pavilion, Beach Road, Susupe. The actual rosary rally starts at noon. The miracle of the sun took place in Fatima on Oct. 13,1917. This is the ninth year that Dr. Celia Lamkin will be the rosary rally captain. The first one was held in front of the Mount Carmel Cathedral in Susupe. (PR)

Language commission board meeting

Chamorro/Carolinian Language Policy Commission will be holding its annual board meeting on Saturday, Oct.r 12, 2019, from 10am to **CWA to host FUN-**

12pm, at the Office on Aging Center's conference room in Garapan. Interested individuals are invited to attend. Agenda will be provided at the meeting. (PR)

Club 200 now on Nov. 9

Due to the impact of Typhoon Hagibis on the community, the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter has postponed its Club 200 fundraiser to Nov. 9, a Saturday. It was originally scheduled to take place this Saturday.

NAP extends services

Due to the effects of Super Typhoon Hagibis, the Nutrition Assistance Program is extending the benefit distribution and re-certification services up to 6pm on Oct. 11 for those with case records ending with '5', '6', '7', '8', and '9.' For more information, contact the NAP office at 237-2842 or 237-2843 or visit its Facebook page at https://www.facebook. com/nap.cnmi. (PR)

FOA forms youth choir

Katie Hoyt welcomes anyone ages 12-17 to join the Friends of the Arts Youth Choir. The cost to join is free. The group meet Tuesdays, from 6pm to 7:30pm in Dandan at Hoyt's home. Call or message her if you're interested at (670) 287-6028. If you don't know the location of Hovt's home, give her a call for directions. (PR)

Public invited to USNBG Fire Prevention Week open house

SANTA RITA, Guam—The public is invited to the U.S. Naval Base Guam Fire and Emergency Services Fire Prevention Week Open House tomorrow, Oct. 12, from 10am to 2pm, at the NBG Fire Station 6.

Fire Station 6 is located off base next to the Navy Federal Credit Union. No military ID or visitor pass is required.

Fire Prevention Week is a national campaign that runs Oct. 6-12 and this year's theme is "Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and practice your escape!"

The event will also feature face painting, a photo booth, a mannequin pull, static displays and a children's firefighting course. (PR)

Raise-Her on Nov. 22

Tickets are now on sale for the Women's "FUN-Raise-Her" dinner, sponsored by the CNMI Women's Association, a nonprofit organization whose misleadership through education and training opportunities.

The event will be held at the Hibiscus Hall, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, on Friday,

sion is to empower women for Nov. 22, from 6pm to 9pm. All are welcome.

> For \$75 per ticket, guests will be treated to dinner and drinks, live music, and giveaways.

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to buy tickets, contact CWA at 233-9411 or CWA administrator at cwa.fogumoro@ gmail.com or visit: https:// www.facebook.com/cnmiwomen/. **(PR)**

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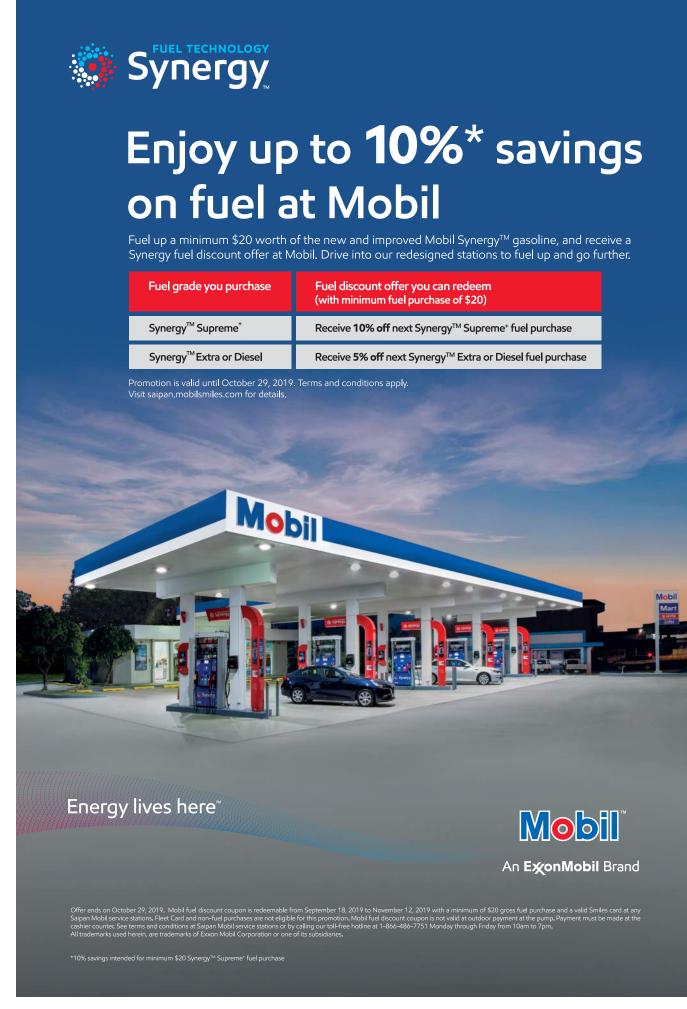


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Acting governor Arnold I. Palacios, fourth from left, is joined by, from left, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' chief of staff Angel Demapan, U.S. Census Bureau senior adviser James Treat, Board of Education chair Janice Tenorio, CNMI Census adviser Colleen Joyce, U.S. Census Bureau assistant division chief Jennifer Kim, Commerce Secretary Mark O. Rabauliman, CNMI Central Statistics Division director Justin Andrew and CNMI Census office manager Clyde K. Norita at the grand opening of the CNMI Census office.

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NMI census office's opening marks start of Census 2020

By ERWIN ENCINARES erwin_encinares@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The opening of the new census office along Beach Road yesterday marks the official onset of the decennial Census 2020, during which the CNMI demographic will be collected, including its population count.

The 2020 Census office, situated on third floor of the Ladera Building along Beach Road, Chalan Laulau, was opened for business yesterday and the occasion, according to U.S. Census Bureau representative and adviser to the CNMI Colleen Joyce, is one of the main goals embedded into the contract between the CNMI government and the U.S. Census Bureau.

"From this space, we will do the hard work of conducting the census. We have already started recruiting and hiring staff, and we will begin sharing with the public information on the 2020 Census of the CNMI," she said.

Starting in early spring 2020, census staff will be sent out to collect demographic information on the residents of the CNMI, including social, economic, and housing characteristics of each resident.

This data collection phase, according to Joyce, would end in summer. Joyce would be working with CNMI Census office manager Claudio Norita.

U.S. Census Bureau assistant division chief Jennifer

Kim, who will oversee census operations in all U.S. territories, noted that the opening the CNMI census office marks the halfway point of opening census offices in all five territories.

"Before this opening could happen, there were years of preparation," she said, adding that the CNMI Department of Commerce, led by Secretary Mark Rabauliman, worked with the U.S. Census Bureau to make it happen.

"We began preparations earlier than...in previous censuses to ensure it is accurate, timely, and meaningful in the CNMI," Kim noted in her speech.

U.S. Census Bureau senior advisor for decennial affairs James Treat assured a high quality census for the CNMI.

Acting governor Arnold I. Palacios noted the importance of the 2020 Census for the CNMI and how it could affect not only policies but the whole community.

"Federal programs that benefit the Marianas, including education, health, transportation, and public safety use census numbers as part of their funding formulas," he said in his remarks. "But more than that, we also get a complete and accurate count of our closely-knit community."

"I encourage everyone in the community to be a part of this process, fill out the forms, and be counted. This truly is a community effort," he added.

Bill appropriating \$250K enacted

erwin_encinares@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed into law last week a bill that appropriates a total of \$3 million from the annual casino license renewal fee payment, with \$250,000 going directly to repairs for the Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School.

House Local Bill 21-28, S1, D6 goes into the records as Saipan Local Law 21-10 after Torres signed the bill into law last Oct. 3, 2019.

The legislation appropriates a total of \$3 million from the annual casino license renewal fee payment to various projects within the five precincts of Saipan.

The Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program is allocated \$500,000; the Saipan Mayor's Office is allocated \$250,000; the Northern Islands Mayor's Office is allocated Office \$50,000; the Center for Living Independently is allocated \$94,000; the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation is allocated \$200,000; the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library gets \$32,375; the Carolinian Affairs Office is allocated \$21,595; the Indigenous Affairs Office is allocated \$26,400; the Family Violence Task Force is allocated \$15,000; the Association of Pacific Islands Legislatures is allocated \$20,630; Micronesian Legal Services Corp. is allocated \$55,000; Northern Marianas Athletics is allocated \$100,000; Saipan Baseball League is allocated \$20,000; 2019 Mariana Islands fish-

ing and Seafood Festival is allocated \$25,000; the Public Defenders Office is allocated \$90,000; and the NMI Museum is allocated \$30,000.

Another \$300,000 is allocated to projects in Precinct I, specifically \$35,000 each for Dandan Middle School and Francisco M. Sablan Middle School, and \$50,000 each to Saipan Southern High School, San Vicente Elementary School, Koblerville Elementary School, and Hopwood Middle School.

The law also sets aside \$300,000 for projects in Precinct II and is equally shared for the repair, construction, and rebuilding of facilities at the William S. Reyes Elementary School and Hopwood Middle School, while \$300,000 is set aside for projects in Precinct III, equally shared between the ongoing road project near the Oleai Church and the Industrial Drive.

Another \$200,000 goes to the construction of roads and drainages within Precinct IV, including sidewalks, crosswalks, speed bumps, roads, children's playgrounds, and traffic signages, while Kagman High School, Tanapag Middle School, and Hopwood Middle School get \$25,000 each. Some \$20,000 goes to the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, while the remaining \$5,000 goes to the 10% local match for Federal Emergency Management Agency funds.

Under the law, \$225,000 goes to the completion of the paving project for Tangang Tangang Road in Papago and paving of Kama Street in Kagman III in Precinct V,

while the remaining \$75,000 is divvied equally between Hopwood Middle School. Chacha Oceanview Middle School, and the Kagman Elementary School for repairs, reconstruction, and rebuilding of facilities.

NEW CHEF

From left, CNMI Board of Parole chair Ramon B. Camacho, new Northern Marianas Trades Institute graduate Manuel D. Sablan Jr., and chief parole officer Nick M. Reyes. Sablan became a certified chef at an NMTI graduation last Sept. 27, 2019. Reyes thanks NMTI for also giving parolees the opportunity to enroll and succeed in their programs. In his message to Sablan, Reyes said, "On behalf of the board and officers, we would like to congratulate you and wish you more success in life. We are very proud of you!" CONTRIBUTED PHOTO







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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC IFB 19-006 NMC TEMPORARY BUILDING REPAIR PROJECT

Northern Marianas College is soliciting sealed bids for the Temporary Repair And Repurposing Project, As Terlaje Campus, Saipan.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. O-1 commencing Friday, September 27, 2019, between the hours of 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Bid Submissions are due no later than 2:00 P.m., October 11, 2019, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L. 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. In accordance with Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference is available to local businesses for this procurement

For Bidders located outside of the CNMI: May request a copy of the IFB by email to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu).

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The College reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College.

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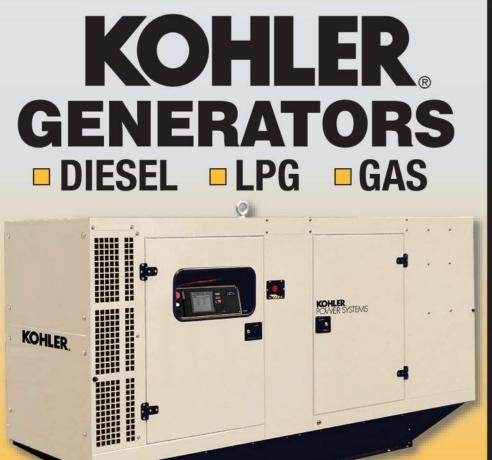
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Employee accuses IPI supervisor of sex harassment

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com

A Chinese employee of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC filed a sexual harassment lawsuit in federal court yesterday against her



Happy birthday greeting go out to Jeromalyn W. Santos, who will be celebrating her birthday on Oct. 12 in Guam. Greetings come from the Santos and Arurang family on Saipan and especially from your loving partner, Chicko Hensus P. Arurang. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Enjoy yourself to the fullest in your teenage years. Be the person you want to be, follow the desires of your heart, and discover yourself fully. We wish you a happy 14th birthday, Zared Nekaifes, and many more to come. Greetings come from Mom, Paul, grandma and siblings.

then-supervisor and IPI.

The complainant, through counsel William M. Fitzgerald, accused Stephen Brown of sexual harassment and IPI of ignoring her complaint against him.

She is demanding unspecified damages from both Brown and IPI.

As of press time, Saipan Tribune was still awaiting comments from Brown and IPI.

The complainant is a pit supervisor and has worked for IPI since Sept. 10, 2015. Her direct supervisor was Brown, a U.S. citizen, who was the pit manager.

According to Fitzgerald in the complaint, the plaintiff and Brown initially had a cordial professional work relationship and were neighbors in companv-provided housing but this changed in late January 2017, when Brown began to show a sexual interest in the plaintiff.

Fitzgerald said the plaintiff was not interested in anything more than being friends with Brown and indicated that she had another existing relationship.

Brown, however, allegedly continued to badger the complainant via daily text messages, asking her to video conference with him. She also accused Brown of sending her a picture of his privates and texting her about pleasuring himself while thinking of her.

This allegedly kept happening throughout 2017 and 2018. Whenever she refused to answer his calls, he would allegedly contact her over and over again, causing her phone to repeatedly ring until she relents and accepts his calls.

Fitzgerald said the com-

plainant did not know how to respond to the constant improper communications

as she was concerned about her job security as a Chinese CW-1 worker, and lack of understanding of American worker rights. Throughout making mistakes at work. this time,

Brown allegedly kept asking her to have sex with him, and that he allegedly kept making outrageous sexual requests, lose her job. and would often approach her at work and touch her inap-

propriately. On more than one occasion, Fitzgerald said, Brown tried to kiss the complainant but she would push him away.

To stop Brown, the complainant lied and told him she has a new roommate and could no longer accept his requests for video conferencing. In response, he allegedly retaliated by accusing her of

Fitzgerald said this false accusation made the plaintiff afraid that she might

On Sept. 25, 2017, the plaintiff filed a complaint against Brown with IPI's Human Resource Department, asking them to investigate, as she feared for both her personal safety and job security.

Despite this, during the months of October, November and early December 2018, IPI allegedly did nothing to investigate the complaint and, instead, Brown was promoted in December 2018, causing the plaintiff to become very upset and apprehensive, and to suffer severe emotional distress.

Fitzgerald said that in December 2018, Brown allegedly resumed communicating with the complainant. She told an IPI supervisor about this, that Brown was again texting her sexual statements and requests. A different supervisor told her in a phone call that he had forwarded her com-

plaint to the Human Resource Department

Fitzgerald said that on Dec. 21, 2018, IPI's Human Resource Department called the plaintiff in for an interview, which never took place because she fainted and was taken to the hospital.

On Dec. 20, 2018, the plaintiff filed a charge of discrimination with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, alleging that Brown had sexually harassed her and that IPI had ignored her complaint.

Seven months later, on July 11, 2019, EEOC issued her a notice of right to sue, which she received last July 18.



REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOTICE



Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority hereby gives notice that a Regular Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the MVA Conference Room, Saipan, MP 96950.

MEETING AGENDA

- Preliminary Matters
 - Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Adoption of Agenda
 - Adoption of Minutes
 - Regular Board Meeting September 16, 2019
- **Public Comments**
- Committee Reports
 - Finance Committee
 - Fund Status Report September 2019
 - Approved FY2020 Budget h.
- New Business
 - Invitation to Bid (ITB) for Banzai Cliff Peace Memorial Improvements - MVA-ITB-20-2017
 - Winter Island Music Fest Sponsorship
- Old Business
 - Request for Proposal for Architectural and Engineering Services - MVA-RFP-19-2016
 - MOU with the Rota Mayor's Office for the Mt. Sabana 360
- Lookout Project No Cost Extension Executive Session
- Miscellaneous/Announcements 7)
- Adjournment

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors



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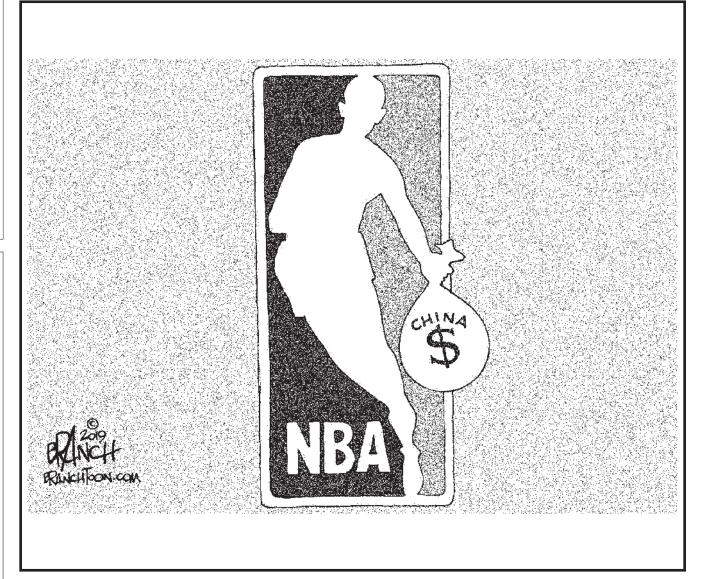
A message to you, Rudy

t is impossible that the whistleblower is a hero and I'm not," says Rudy Giuliani.
What's really impossible is recognizing this Rudy as the man we once admired, first as a U.S. attorney who dismantled the mob, then as a mayor who drove down crime, rescued a suffering city from decline and led us through our darkest days on 9/11 and its aftermath.

Rather than listening to anymore of his sycophantic pro-Trump rants, we'd like Rudy to answer a few questions, preferably under oath. Including:

- 1. Who was your former colleague from the U.S. attorney's office who sparked your quest for information in Ukraine?
- 2. Over the last year, you engaged with five Ukrainian prosecutors—as the president's lawyer, you told the Washington Post—while pursuing information on Joe Biden. On Thursday, you told The Atlantic, "I'm not acting as a lawyer. I'm acting as someone who has devoted most of his life to straightening out government." Which is it?
- 3. You say you are working pro bono for Trump. Do you have any paying clients connected to Ukraine?
- 4. Do you have a security clearance? The acting director of national intelligence testified that he doesn't know whether you do. You haven't answered questions put to you on the topic so far.
- 5. Asked about gathering material in Ukraine, you've said, "We're not meddling in an election, we're meddling in an investigation, which we have a right to do." Should law enforcement investigations be meddled with for political reasons?
- 6. On Fox News, you disclosed that the State Department authorized many of these conversations. Exactly what was your working relationship with Karl Volker, the top U.S. diplomat to Ukraine? Was Secretary of State Mike Pompeo aware of your agenda, or were you freelancing?
- 7. Who paid for your February trip to Warsaw, Poland, to meet with former Ukraine Prosecutor General Yuri Lutsenko?
- 8. Lutsenko—who Trump says is a "fine prosecutor"—told the Washington Post this week that Hunter Biden "did not violate anything." You're still pushing for an investigation; why?

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Trapped in the bathroom of double standards

here was some good news last week: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally announced that, having provided 110 million latrines in five years, India is now officially "open defecation-free."

There are worse ways to chronicle the history of the world than through plumbing. Archaeologists, paleopathologists and anthropologists have been writing about toilets with a sense of joie de vivre for years. A 2016 article in Nature, for example, describes the sanitation systems of ancient Crete with the kind of rhetoric usually associated with space exploration or contestants on "The Voice": "From there, toilet technology took off." The article also declares that the studies of "toilets have finally gone mainstream."

We all know that history is personal, so here is my brief "Autobiography by Bathroom."

I've titled it "To Pee or Not to Pee." Not to get all Shakespearean or anything, but the process does involve shocks that flesh is heir to, the baring of bodkins, swearing and what can feel like a sea of troubles.

Like most women, I've spent far too much time shuffling around this mortal coil looking for non-horror-show toilets. Few of my male counterparts partake of this quest. Instead, with the cheerful insouciance of Labrador puppies, they regard the earth as their urinal.

This is cultural training. When little boys need to go, they're told to find a tree or a shrub, whereas most little girls will be dragged for miles to windowless concrete bunkers where they'll be shut into stalls and then instructed not to sit on the seat—if the seat is still on, because half the time we know it'll be ripped off or askew—or will have to wipe it off by using 628 pieces of toilet paper.

If there is toilet paper, that is. If there isn't, she'll just have to hover, like a droid.

Why can't a little girl take advantage of the great outdoors, like her brother? Because it's "not nice" for girls to do that.

My "Autobiography by Bathroom" begins at the white sand beaches of Coney Island, which was about 10 minutes away from our house. Where there's a beach, there's an ocean, right? But that's a meaningless detail, because I'm a nice—meaning prissy and pious—little girl, and therefore I insist that some adult female relative take me to the steamy, gritty, smelly public bathrooms used by all manner of visitors to Coney Island, including those who later appeared as part of the cantina scene in

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The Hartford Courant

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"Star Wars."

There's a price to be paid when you raise your daughter to be nice, and she's not the only one who's going to pay it. You'll be right there beside her, trapped by inconvenience, inflexibility and double standards.

The next chapter involves school, which is where I discovered, at age 8, the irony of The Mamas and the Papas' hit "Go Where You Wanna Go." I had what's politely called a "shy bladder," so it was nearly impossible for me to choreograph my needs with the third-grade schedule. Because of this, I became the Princess of Hall Passes, a highly visible but not at all enviable position.

Middle chapters are filled by the sad old bathrooms belonging to my relatives. These seemed entirely lined with pink shag rug and festooned with red crocheted tissue and toilet paper holders; they looked like the digestive system of a Muppet. They smelled like that, too.

Late teens and early 20s? These were the worst, because I was at my most adventurous and my least prepared. Dark, slimy and bug-infested pub outhouses without locks on the doors still appear in bad dreams, as do bus station facilities in countries now renamed and, one hopes, wiped down.

Yet my "Autobiography by Bathroom" becomes a happy story. In my advancing years, I've had the astonishing good fortune to live in a house with more toilets than occupants, although at work, I still have to find a stall among the crowd. But at least now that we're all grown up, neither my bladder nor I are shy. I'm not embarrassed or anxious when I have to relieve myself. What I am is relieved.

India's latest latrine triumph will improve the lives of many of its citizens. Given what else has been going on in the rest of the world, any reports of currently "defecation-free" zones, literal or metaphorical, are welcome.

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Reassessment

he premeditated impeachment of Trump has picked up steam. I surmise, though, that it's likely to turn into fine dust at some celestial body beyond the rainbow. The divided Democrats and their stenographers (media mob) couldn't figure out what the President committed in "high crime" that is sufficiently credible to remove him. A nothing burger!

Moreover, since when do we send people to jail without the commission of a crime and due process rights?

Without solid basis for removal, the entire agenda turns into using the system to concoct a narrative as if true. It's a waste of everybody's time!

Trump is getting famous for mixing the wrong words with expletives. But that's the Don and I'd rather have him speaking his mind than getting caught in vicious sanctimonious diplomacy.

Anyway, how do you delegitimize 63 percent of voters who placed Trump in the White House? Incidentally, those who'd vote for impeachment are fully aware that it could also be the end of their career, given that Trump won in states where they came from. Thus, the polite shy from braving suspect courage.

I don't know Trump but have read his grand success reviving the national economy beyond levels last seen over 50 years ago. It meant millions of jobs for fellow Americans that have gone back to work with pride! That's the Donald!

Process

Removal of the president is an involved undertaking that begins with the adoption of a resolution of impeachment in the U.S. House of Representatives. It is then forwarded to the U.S. Senate. It is there that a trial is held conducted by the chief justice.

Well, at least there's fun listening to all the ignorance triggered by the hyped hoax. It must be a sad day for liberal left Democrats and their stenographers—media mob. At least it forced my researching the requisite procedure for impeachment to begin.

The issue is a purposeful political disruption laced with hyperbolic rhetoric critical of the successful work hailing from Trump's determination to "Make America Great Again." Perhaps Da Boysis are on steroids, di ba?

The political gamesmanship started with the Trump-haters. That you don't like the President doesn't evolve into a crime you could attach to him. Nah! Remember, 63 percent of fellow Americans placed him in the Oval Office—a difficult verdict to delegitimize.

Trump's soaring economy has brought some seven million jobs to nearly six million jobless folks who are now gainfully employed and out of food stamps and poverty—a grand performance unseen since 50 years ago.

Moreover, even fresh hires have found more money in their new jobs; that means additional support for basic needs at home. Would I dare ruin this because I don't like the Donald? Personal feelings aside, my fellow man deserves the opportunity to lead a healthy family life with a meaningful job that grants them a sense of pride.

Indeed, the magnitude of this level of politics isn't what I'm used to at the provincial level. But why would corporate giants and powerful Democrats want to reverse the livelihood of the multitude to abject poverty and hardship once more?

It's understood that policies are designed to help improve the quality of life of folks in the villages. We haven't heard nor seen any major policy decision since recent past. Or perhaps there's one in the oven, so to speak? Or is it a case of rehearsed despondence?

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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It's an urgent issue given that nearly 15,000 employees are stuck in poverty-level wages and salaries. In the process, the quality of life for families is compromised. Is it an issue Da Boysis would take up anytime soon as a matter of fiduciary duty?

If reliance is on the economy to boost income, then nothing has been done since recent past on this score. It is still an outstanding issue that requires a lot of work, including exploring if opportunities exist and if so, what are they? Combined, it's serious family table issue that is far from seeing even a faint light of day. Everbody home?

Stagnation

Has investment stirred more businesses here or has it stagnated-stayed the same-for one reason or another. I know Nippon investment is history. Has anyone looked into the negative effects of this phenomenon or "not yet, already?" How much revenue did we lose out of said exit?

Unless there's fresh investments we'd have to endure hopeful tomorrows in the negative effects of the drop in the economy. Any idea how do we shift stagnation into real time new investments beyond "que sera?"

Hagibis

ell, that was fun. Compared to Yutu and Soudelor, this little banana typhoon was a cakewalk. The anxiety during waits between military position reports as we urged it to keep going fast and please stay to the north made for some jocular moments, as if we could really influence the weather pattern by merely wishing it.

True to the military's original projections of five days before it passed, it came close aboard Anatahan some 70 miles north of us, huffing and chuffing and, thankfully, missing us by a

I was surprised to see that we reached out to get federal emergency assistance from FEMA and elsewhere before we even knew if we needed it. Obviously, we didn't and don't need it. I hope that calling wolf doesn't get held against us.

When I was a boy, before a flood, that nervous time before a storm struck was often occupied by a hurricane party. Adults gathered prodigious quantities of food, cases of beer, a couple bushels of raw oysters, plenty of Coca Cola and its bedmate, rum. The children played, the adults played, and everyone's mind was off the impending storm. Once you have made your preparations, there is not much else you can do, especially once the storm begins, so why not celebrate instead of fret? Gathering together to share camaraderie helps dispel the fear if a big one is bearing down on you, or already on top of you, tearing the trees

In Tagalog, my wife tells me, Hagibis means fast, or lightning fast or rapid velocity. Like the whizzing sound of quickly passing vehicles. So let's hope our playful friend, Hagibis the storm, quickly dissipates and becomes less violent before it hits our friends in Japan. Sorry, Japan, it looks like we have sent you another one.

One last thought; our new buzzword is "resilient," we are "Marianas Strong." The theme runs through news stories, coffee shop chatter and has become ubiquitous around the picnic table as a point of pride. But are we really resilient, or just obstinate? Staying here voluntarily, knowing full well that another big storm and another after that one is inevitable. Sitting here and knowing it will happen again sounds more like the latter than the former to me. Here I am. Here you are. Are we nuts, or do we just love Saipan?

Traffic in paradise

The power is out across the northern part of the island, no lines down but no sign of repair crews and no word from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. about when or if something might be done about it. No apparent damage from the banana typhoon, thank goodness, then why no power and water? I guess you could say better safe than sorry, or you could say better light than dark

Whatever the reason, no power means no traffic signals, which means hassle-free driving, no waits and basically smooth no-wait driving. Traffic signals don't speed traffic, they slow traffic to a crawl. In fact, traffic lights cause traffic. Have you noticed the same thing? Drivers give way to each other and traffic just flows along if no signal is present. Can you imagine a world where we don't sit at traffic lights behind lines of other cars staring at blinking lights in the sky as if they are gods that we must obey? The bliss of no traffic lights and smooth flowing traffic lasted far too short a time.

Let me quickly air pet peeve 26B. The traffic light on Pale Arnold at Saipan Ice and Water is not properly set up. It used to work fine but was broken during Yutu and remained off for a while even after the power came back on. Once up and running, it did not get reset to a workable traffic timing system but reverted to a factory setting where it remains today, a year later. That light should cause a stoppage of southbound traffic on Pale Arnold only if triggered by a vehicle turning left from the little side road. Instead, it constantly stops traffic on the main thoroughfare, Pale Arnold, when no car has triggered the light. So the traffic stacks up waiting for nothing. Lines of cars just sit there and wait like a bunch of robots for no traffic, no cars, nothing. DPW, please come and fix it.

Tony Piailug: master navigator

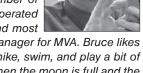
Imagine being able to drag your hand in the water as your oceangoing canoe speeds along and get reliable information about drift current rates, wave motion, and other factors that affect navigation. Imagine memorizing chants that unerringly take you from island to far-flung island hundreds of miles apart using stars and clouds and wind and other natural factors instead of a compass, sextant or GPS to get you there. Tony Piailug now joins that select group of people who can do these amazing things and more. Congratulations! Following

SOUR GRAPES

By BRUCE BATEMAN

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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in your father's footsteps. He would be proud.

It takes years of effort, thousands of hours of memorization and a spiritual connection to the sea and nature to be able to navigate long distances over open water without navigational devices, just some coconuts for water and food. Think of what the consequences of an error are. The Pacific Ocean is huge and the islands are small.

Thank you, grand master navigators Sesario Sewralur and Ali Haleyalur for coming to Saipan and honoring us with the Pwo initiation rites held here.

We are all sorry that Super Typhoon Hagibis winds damaged the DCCA Seafaring Traditions Canoe House supposed to be used for the ceremonies and hope your stay at the Man'amko Center was a pleasant one.

Thanks for reading Sour Grapes!

Remove all the traffic lights, yellow lines, one-way systems and road markings, and let blissful anarchy prevail. I imagine it would produce a kind of harmony.

—Sadie Jones

The little reed, bending to the force of the wind, soon stood upright again when the storm had passed over.

—Aesop

If you are caught on a golf course during a storm and are afraid of lightning, hold up a 1-iron. Not even God can hit a 1-iron.

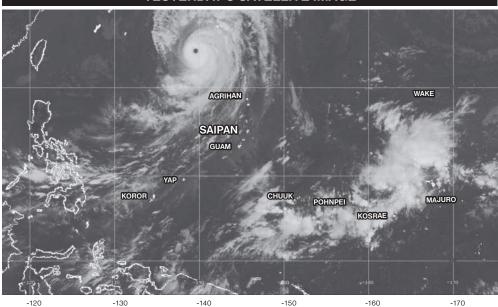
—Lee Trevino

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The Weather

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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:30 AM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019 Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Weather has become much quieter across the Marianas now that STY Hagibis is well away to the northwest. Winds will diminish the next day or to, and be mainly gentle Friday through the weekend. Isolated thunderstorms will persist the next several days in an unstable air mass, and a weak disturbance is still expected to bring scattered showers Fri night through Sat night. Have removed scattered showers from tonight's forecast as latest models keep moisture quite limited in the mid levels through most of Friday. In addition, models really dry things out in the mid and upper levels starting on Tuesday, and from Tuesday on we should only expect partly cloudy skies with isolated showers.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	83° / 77°				
Palau	Thunderstorm	85° / 78°				
Yap	Thunderstorm	84° / 79°				
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°				
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	88° / 76°				
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	88° / 76°				
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	87° / 82°				

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Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	64° / 50°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	90° / 79°
Honolulu	Showers	88° / 77°
London	Showers	64° / 57°
Los Angeles	Sunny	85° / 57°
Manila	Thunderstorm	90° / 77°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	66° / 46°
Miami	Thunderstorm	83° / 77°
New York	Showers	62° / 55°
Osaka	Rain	75° / 70°
Paris	Showers	73° / 61°
Busan	Windy	73° / 64°
Rome	Sunny	77° / 55°
Salem	Sunny	87° / 62°
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	75° / 51°
Seoul	Sunny	73° / 52°
Tokyo	Rain	77° / 73°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	73° / 54°



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Tuesday	6:08 AM	5:57 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
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MTEC briefs MY WAVE club advisers on upcoming plans

The Marianas Tourism Education Council and 11 school MY WAVE club advisers met last Oct. 2 at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan to discuss plans for involving students in tourism in the new school year.

Networking with MY WAVE—or Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically—clubs is an integral part of MTEC's educational efforts. MTEC briefed advisers on its organizational goals and school year 2019-2020 calendar, including educational presentations at each school, the annual MTEC Tourism Summit planned for January 2020, and scholarships available for graduating seniors.

"Last school year was a big challenge for schools due to [Super] Typhoon Yutu, and some clubs are rebooting this year in the face of continued challenges. We want to extend our appreciation and support to all our MY WAVE club [advisers] for their hard work and dedication," said MTEC chair Vicky Benavente. "MTEC is here to partner with them as we share with the students the importance of tourism to their daily lives and engage them in the industry at a young age."

MTEC vice chair Wendi Herring, who is also the general manager of Fiesta Resort



Marianas Tourism Education Council chair Vicky Benavente, left, leads the annual meeting of MTEC and advisers of the Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically (MY WAVE) Clubs on Oct. 2, 2019, at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. Joining the tourism education briefing are other MTEC board members and club advisers from Koblerville, Kagman, Tanapag, W.S. Reyes, San Vicente, Oleai, and Garapan elementary schools, and Dandan, Tanapag, Hopwood, and Chacha Oceanview middle schools.

& Spa Saipan, also expressed appreciation to the advisers.

"We are especially grateful to many of you who have been volunteering your time and energy for so many years," Herring told advisers.

Advisers represented Koblerville, Kagman, Tanapag, W.S. Reyes, San Vicente, Oleai, and Garapan elementary schools; and the Dandan, Tanapag, Hopwood, and Chacha Oceanview middle schools.

"We would like to say thank you to all that you, your team, and other board members have done for us," said MY WAVE Club adviser Alma Kisa of Koberville Elementary School to Benavente. "I believe that the club is important because it teaches [children] to be responsible community members. They have shown great interest in what the MY WAVE Club stands for and are always willing to help. Keep up the good work."

The dinner meeting was sponsored in part by Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, T Galleria by DFS, and Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

MTEC also supports club advisers with a stipend for clubs that hold activities and meet other requirements. Schools interested in starting a MY WAVE Club may contact Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Martin Duenas at 1 (670) 664-3200/1 or mduenas@mymarianas.com.

"It has always been a great pleasure serving as a MY-WAVE adviser for Tanapag Middle School for a little more than five years now," said Eluene Baza. "We are ready to start off this school year with fun-filled activities that we have been planning to do, along with the Marianas Visitors Authority's monthly activities. Thank you, MTEC, for your continued support for all these years!"

MTEC was formed in 2002 to heighten the community's awareness of the importance of tourism to the wellbeing of the people of the Marianas. MTEC's stated mission is three-fold: to foster community understanding and support of the visitor industry; educate the public, especially students, about the value, social benefits, and economic contributions made to the community by the visitor industry; and to instill, improve and promote the "Hafa Adai-Tirow" hospitality spirit throughout the island community. (PR)





"Together We Can Build a Future"

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation under the auspices of the CNMI Office of the Governor will file an application with the USDA Rural Development for financial assistance on the following:

- 1) to retrofit and acquire a new official program vehicle, and
- 2) for professional capacity upgrade & replacement of technological equipment.

A public meeting for comments will be held at 5:00 PM on Monday October 21, 2019 at Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend the meeting but require accommodation such as large print or sign language interpreter, are asked to call Elvira Seman at 322-6537/38 (voice) or 322-6549 (TTY), no later than October 16, 2019 at 4:30 PM.



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Business

PHI Pharmacy closes Navy Hill branch

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

PHI Pharmacy would be leaving the Commonwealth Health Center this weekend after serving as the hospital's outpatient pharmacy for the last 23 years.

"Our pharmacy services will be temporarily consolidating [with] the location at the Joeten Dandan building," said PHI Pharmacy general manager Joshua Wise in a statement to the Saipan Tribune.

The Commonwealth Health Care Corp., which runs the hospital, opted not to renew PHI Pharmacy's contract to operate at CHC after opening its own outpatient pharmacy in 2018. PHI Pharmacy's lease at CHC will expire on Monday, Oct. 14.

To fill the void left by the closing of its CHC location and better serve its customers, Wise said that PHI Pharmacy will open a branch in Kagman and will open the Dandan location seven days a week.

"The new pharmacy is projected to open around Febru-



MARC A. VENUS

File photo shows a PHI Pharmacy customer waiting for his medicine at the PHI Pharmacy counter.

ary 2020. PHI has been planning the Kagman pharmacy for about a year, and has been prepared to open, regardless of the status of our Navy Hill pharmacy," he said.

There are also plans to open a new location in Garapan.

"We understand that many of our Navy Hill patients are unable to travel to Dandan or Kagman, so management is in the planning stages of a Garapan location," Wise said.

Aside from plans to open new locations in Kagman and Garapan, Wise said PHI Pharmacy has new and exciting programs rolling out in the coming months focused on creating better access to select health care services.

This is on top of its highly successful Free Vitamin Program that is available for all children 2-12 years of age.

PHI Pharmacy continues to be the only pharmacy contracted with the Kagman Community Health Center and will be able to provide low cost medicines to indigent patients through the 340B program, which is a budgetneutral drug-pricing program that allows certain hospitals

and clinics to purchase discounted medicines from drug manufacturers. He also assured that re-

gardless of the closure of their Navy Hill location, PHI Pharmacy would continue to provide pharmacy services to Medicaid patients.

"PHI continues to serve the people of the CNMI the best we can, and strives to improve the quality of health care. My personal goal has been to improve health care by creating a bridge between our health care providers because I believe the more we all work together, the more effectively we can serve our people," said Wise.

Patients and customers can contact PHI Pharmacy at 235-6170 or 235-6174. They can also continue to contact the pharmacy through 323-5000 and 323-5001. These lines will also be utilized at the Dandan location.

Guam's real GDP decreased by 0.3 percent in 2018

HAGÅTÑA, Guam— Guam's Bureau of Economic Analysis released yesterday its estimates of gross domestic product for Guam for 2018, in addition to estimates of GDP by industry and compensation by industry for 2017.1 These estimates were developed under the Statistical Improvement Program funded by the Office of Insular Affairs of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Revised estimates of GDP for 2015 to 2017, as well as revised estimates of GDP by industry and >>> Growth in compensation by tourism offset industry for 2015 by decreases in and 2016, are also presented in this local government release. and business

investment **GDP for 2018**

The estimates of GDP for decreases in territorial gov-Guam show that real GDP— GDP adjusted to remove price changes—decreased 0.3 percent in 2018 after increasing 0.2 percent in 2017. For comparison, real GDP for the United States (excluding the territories) increased 2.9 per-

cent in 2018 after increasing 2.4 percent in 2017.

The decline in the Guam economy 2018 reflected

ernment spending and private fixed investment that were partly offset by growth in exports of services.

Territorial government spending decreased 1.3 percent. Guam government spending See GUAM'S on Next Page



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Arnold I. Palacios

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is the agency authorized to allocate Low Income Housing Tax Credits (Credits) in the CNMI. The United States 1986 Tax Reform Act created the federal low-income housing tax credit program under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) to assist with the development of low-income rental housing by providing qualified owners with credit to offset their federal tax obligations. The Credits are available to owners/developers of qualifying buildings and projects that meet certain low-income occupancy and rent restrictions.

Section 42 of the Code provides that the CNMI prepare a Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to determine housing priorities and to give preference to projects serving the lowest income tenants and projects obligated to serve qualified tenants for the longest periods. The QAP must incorporate selection criteria, which includes project location, housing need characteristics, sponsor characteristics, tenant populations with special needs, and public housing waiting lists.

NMHC has developed a QAP for 2019 - 2020 and is available at NMHC's office and website. The QAP describes the basis that NMHC will use to allocate Credits. NMHC may allocate \$146,328 in Credits for the 2019 program year and approximately \$3,166,875 in Credits for the 2020 program year.

Application for Credits

Owners/Developers wishing to apply for the Credits should obtain and complete a LIHTC Application. The LIHTC Application may be obtained from NMHC's Office in Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950 or through our website at www.nmhcgov.net.

Owners/Developers must file the completed LIHTC Application along with the \$2,500.00 Application Fee at NMHC's office by the Application Deadline of <u>4:30 pm, January 31, 2020</u>. NMHC staff will review the application and will notify the Owner/Developer of any deficiencies by 15 days time or <u>February 17, 2020</u>. The owner/developer will be given 14 days to correct any deficiencies. Any corrections or supplemental information requested by NMHC must be received by 4:30 pm March 2, 2020. The projects will be scored and recommendations made to the NMHC Board of Directors for approval at its April/May 2020 Board

Notification of Awards

NMHC will notify Owners/Developers of the projects receiving Credits thirty (30) days following the April/May 2020 Board of Directors Meeting. The reservation letter must be signed and returned to NMHC by no later than thirty (30) days from the date of notification.

For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/9447.

/s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS Corporate Director

NMHC will make necessary arrangements for persons with disabilities or persons requiring interpreters upon prior notification. Should you require such arrangements, please contact Mr. Jacob Muna at telephone numbers 234-6866/7670/9447.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) is soliciting proposals for Single Audit of financial and compliance audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. NMPASI is designated, federally funded protection and advocacy system for persons with disabilities in the CNMI. NMPASI uses a variety of individual and systems advocacy approaches to protect people's rights, including legal and administrative remedies, legislative, policy change and trainings. Proposals for the financial and compliance audit shall be submitted to NMPASI, P.O. Box 503529, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than December 14, 2019. The audit shall be performed in compliance with the following guidelines:

- 1. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards;
- 2. OMB Circular A-133; and
- 3. Compliance with the general Requirements Applicable to Federal Financial Assistance Program.

Award will be based on specific factor such as prior experience, technical competence, ability to meet the deadline and price in this order. The contract for this audit will be awarded no later than December 21, 2019, and a final audit report shall be completed by March 15, 2020. A list of specific audit requirements and Agency's profile are available at NMPASI office, Gualo Rai. Any questions regarding this matter can be addressed to Mr. James Rayphand, Executive Director at (670) 235-7273/4 (voice) or email at jraypahnd@nmpasi.org.

GUAM'S

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on construction and equipment decreased despite progress on major infrastructure projects, including an improved wastewater treatment plant.

Private fixed investment decreased 0.9 percent, reflecting a continued decline in business spending on construction. Although overall construction employment grew in 2018, much of this employment was related to U.S. Department of Defense construction; in the private sector, a number of major projects were delayed.

Exports of services, which consists primarily of spending by tourists, grew 2.2 percent. This reflected increases in total visitor arrivals and average spending by Korean and Japanese tourists, who make up much of Guam's tourist market.

GDP by industry and compensation by industry for 2017

The estimates of GDP by industry for Guam show that the private sector was the source

of the growth in real GDP in 2017. The largest contributor to growth was distributive services, reflecting increased activity of the retail sector.

The compensation by industry estimates, which are measured in current dollars, show trends in compensation for major industries. Total compensation increased in 2017, primarily reflecting growth in distributive services and in "other" private industries.

The accompanying tables present estimates for GDP and its major components, GDP by industry, and compensation by industry. Also included in this release are estimates for the major components of gross domestic income.

Revisions to GDP

that were released on No. 14, 2018, have been revised in order to incorporate improvements to source data, including newly available data for territorial government spending and revenues from government financial statements and reports. The revised estimates show a similar pattern of inflation-adjusted growth as the previously

Estimates for 2015 to 2017

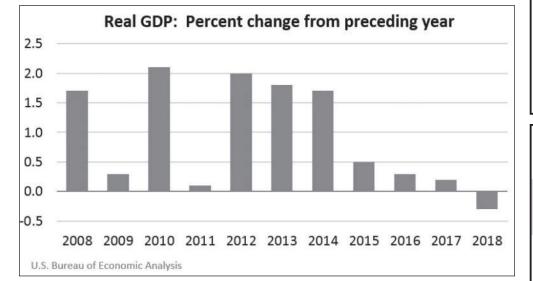
published estimates.

Future directions

Moving forward, an agreement between OIA and BEA will extend and improve the estimates of GDP for Guam. The information provided by the Guam government will continue to be critical to the successful production of these estimates.

BEA will conduct a comprehensive update of GDP for Guam next year. Estimates of GDP will be revised to reflect methodological improvements and the availability of more complete data over time, in some cases back to 2002. Information from the Census Bureau's 2017 Economic Census of Island Areas, the most comprehensive industry data available for Guam and the other island areas, will be incorporated at this time. BEA currently plans to release these estimates, in addition to new GDP estimates for 2019, in the fall of 2020. GDP by industry and compensation by industry estimates for 2018 will also be released.

Full release and tables can be found at https://www.bea. gov/news/2019/gross-domestic-product-guam-2018. (PR)



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

In the Matter CIVIL ACTION MARCELA UNTALAN

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HERERY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Orde issued by the Court in this matter on February 2, 2016, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the following property:

Legal description of the property: Lot no. 101 T 14 (part

Total area of the property: 11,537 square meters

Date. Time, and Place of Sale: The sale will be held on Friday, October 18, 2019, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public. A copy of a title insurance eport for the property is available to any prospective

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale

DATED, this 17th day of September, 2019:

/s/ Michael A. White, Auctioneer

Nestor Mathew C. Taitano P.O. Box 503730 Saipan, MP, 96950 789-5921/235-3845 (Nora)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

FCD-DI-CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-0373 SUMMONS Li Li Taitano Respondent

TO: Li Li Taitano

to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to eliver or mail a conv of your Nestor Mathew C. Taitano whose mailing address is P.O. Box 503730 Saipan as soon as

practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court for filing.

YOU ARE HERERY SUMMONED and notified

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 500307 Saipan MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, Judgment by Default may be taken against you for relief in the Complaint.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2018

/s/ Clerk of Court

MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ. F0122 THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

THE FINANCIAL & ,
INSURANCE SERVICES)
GROUP, INC.,)
Plaintiff,) CIVIL ACTION
) NO. 09-0458 Donald C. Camacho, Defendant. NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court I this matter on May 4, 2011, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of

Legal description of the property: Lot 001 C 60 (formerly part of Lot 001 C 56, which was part of Lot 001 C 26, which was part of original Lot 001 C 05, T.D. 697), situated in San Roque Milage. Sajaan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat no. 001 C 12, the original of which was recorded 27 August 1999 as Document no. 99-2037 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Total area of the property: 859 square meters

<u>Date, Time, and Place of Sale.</u> The sale will be held on Friday, October 25, 2019, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale wi∎ be open to the general public. A copy of a title insurance report for the property is available to any prospective bidder upon request.

<u>Terms and Conditions of Sale.</u> The terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the

DATED, this 23rd day of September, 2019:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS **CUC-IFB-19-040**

Waste characterization and Disposal - CUC Saipan Power Plant No. 1 and Rota Power Plant

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced firms for the Waste characterization and disposal - CUC Saipan power plant 1 and Rota power plant, the Commonwealth of the Northern

Contractors are advised that the work will be carried out as a part of CUC response actions under the terms of Stipulated Order

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A mandatory **site visit and pre-bid meeting** is scheduled on **October 10, 2019 at 10.00am (ChST)** at CUC Power Plant 1 Administration Building, Lower Base, Saipan, to ensure that the contractors are fully aware of the work involved and familiarize with the site conditions. All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of Contractor's and the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of Contractor's and the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of Contractor's and the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of Contractor's and the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of Contractor's and the part of the part ofpreparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "IFB-19-040: Waste Characterization and Disposal - CUC Saipan Power Plant No. 1 and Rota Power Plant" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than October 29, 2019 at 10.00 AM (ChST) at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less that the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 14, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Pranhakara, Utility Coordinator/ ATMO via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC P&S, Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO

MANNY BOYER SABLAN Purchasing Administrator



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-19-037

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR **ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, 2020 & 2021**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) requires the services of a U.S. Certified Public Accounting Firm/Individual with knowledge, skill, and experience in auditing (1) financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and auditing standards of the U.S. and; (2) federal awards programs in accordance with the Single Audit Act and U.S. Office of Management and Budget requisites

- Provide assistance to the CUC management with the preparation of the annual financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America
- Ensure that the financial statements and auditor's reports also meet any specific requirements contained in agreements
- or other contractual requirements relative to financial statement presentation and the audits.

 Submit the draft financial statements and accompanying auditor's reports to CUC management no later than January 31st
- of each year, and issue the final reports no later than February 28th of each year.

 Provide 15 bound copies of the final financial statements and accompanying auditor's report
- Provide an electronic copy (e.g., pdf format) of the final report to the CUC

The date of contract award will be no later than November 22, 2019. Auditors are responsible to review the 2019, 2020 & 2021 financial statements to include the physical CUC assets for each fiscal year

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-19-037, Financial and Compliance Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2019, 2020 & 2021" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than October 15, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST). A copy of the submission, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late su al proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 30, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Greg Cruz, CUC Chief Financial Officer, via email address greg.cruz@cucgov.org and Christie Sahlan, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address christie sahlan@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO

MANNY BOYER SABLAN

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Nation

White House aides try disappearing act amid impeachment talk

By JILL COLVIN ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)— They've skipped the highprofile Sunday TV shows and avoided driveway chat sessions with reporters. Few who are typically eager to defend the president have appeared at all on television so far this month. White House officials close to President Donald Trump are pulling off a disappearing act, remaining largely absent from public view—in the middle of the storm over impeachment.

"We invited the White House on to answer questions on the show this morning," CNN's Jake Tapper explained to his viewers on Sunday's "State of the Union." "They did not offer a guest."

It's a well-worn strategy in the Trump White House: Senior officials conveniently manage to be elsewhere when major controversies engulf the building. The frequent absences of Jared Kushner, the president's son-in-law and senior adviser, and presidential daughter Ivanka Trump during moments of consequence have long been a running joke among their detractors. Their detours included a trip to Florida during the partial government shutdown.

Plenty of others have jumped town during tense moments.

As Trump struggled with mounting Republican defections over his decision to declare a national emergency to pay for the stalled border wall, acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney wasn't at the Capitol cajoling his former colleagues or in the West Wing making calls. Instead, he was in Las Vegas for an annual friends and family getaway.

More recently, embattled national security adviser John Bolton scheduled a trip to Mongolia while Trump became the first sitting U.S. president to set foot in North Korea, a gesture that didn't sit

well with Bolton, who would leave the administration a few months later.

Indeed, knowing "when to be out of town" was one of the top nuggets of advice that Kevin Hassett, the president's former top economic adviser, said he'd received from a predecessor and had to offer his successor.

The White House did not respond to questions about the tactic Wednesday. But even when they're in Washington, many of the White House's most visible officials have been staying out of public view, letting the president's indignant Twitter feed and his frequent commentary drive the public conversation.

That includes White House spokesman Hogan Gidley, a frequent guest on Fox News shows and the gaggles with reporters that often follow on the White House driveway. White House counselor Kellyanne Conway, an aggressive defender of the president, has not made an appearance on the driveway since a highly contentious Sept. 27 gaggle in which she berated reporters and dismissed a question about whether the White House was organizing an impeachment war room.



CALIFORNIA POWER OUTAGE

Shift supervisor James Quinn walks through a darkened CVS Pharmacy as downtown Sonoma, Calif., remains without power on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019. Pacific Gas and Electric has cut power to more than half a million customers in Northern California hoping to prevent wildfires during dry, windy weather throughout the region.

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ACROSS THE NATION

Prosecutor: South Dakota teen killed girl after argument

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP)— A South Dakota teenager charged with killing a girl whose body was found in his basement shot her after an argument, a prosecutor alleged Wednesday. The 17-year-old defendant is charged as an adult with second-degree murder, which carries a mandatory life sentence upon conviction. The teen made his initial court appearance Wednesday and will remain in juvenile detention with his bond set at \$1 million. The teen is charged in the death of the girl, whose body deputies found Monday in the basement of the teen's home near Sturgis, which is in western South Dakota just north of Rapid City and near the state's border with Wyoming. Authorities believe it is 16-year-old Shayna Ritthaler, of Moorcroft, Wyoming, who has been missing since last Thursday. Moorcroft is about 70 miles (113 kilometers) west of Sturgis. Michele Bordewyk, the acting Meade County state's attorney, said in court that the defendant was with the victim when an argument turned violent and

"he shot her," the Rapid City Journal reported.

California bans pesticide linked to brain damage in children

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A widely used agricultural pesticide that California environmental officials have said has been linked to brain damage in children will be banned after next year under an agreement reached with the manufacturer, state officials announced Wednesday. Under the deal, all California sales of chlorpyrifos will end on Feb. 6, 2020, and farmers will have until the end of 2020 to exhaust their supplies. The pesticide is used on numerous crops in the nation's largest agricultureproducing state—including alfalfa, almonds, citrus, cotton, grapes and walnuts. State regulators have said chlorpyrifos has been linked to health defects in children, including brain impairment, and to illnesses in others with compromised immune systems. "For years, environmental justice advocates have fought to get the harmful pesticide chlorpyrifos out of our communities," Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, said in a statement after the deal was announced.

Father of 9-year-old murder victim guilty of weapons charges

CHICAGO (AP)—The father of a 9-year-old murder victim has been convicted of gun charges less than a week after two Chicago men were convicted in his son's death. A Cook County judge on Wednesday found Tyshawn Lee's father, Pierre Stokes, guilty of gun possession and aggravated battery. The charges stemmed from a 2014 argument in which witnesses said Stokes flashed a gun at a woman. At the time, the 29-yearold Stokes was barred from owning a firearm because of a robbery conviction. Dwright Boone-Doty shot Tyshawn in 2015 to avenge the murder of friend Corey Morgan's brother and the wounding of Morgan's mother. Boone-Doty and Morgan were convicted of Tyshawn's murder. Stokes is awaiting trial on attempted murder charges stemming from a 2017 shooting that injured three. Prosecutors say the shooting was in retaliation

for Tyshawn's murder.

Police allege cameras hid at Mall of America dressing rooms

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)-Police are investigating a Minnesota man who allegedly hid cameras inside dressing rooms at the Mall of America in Bloomington and another Minneapolis area shopping mall. The 41-year-old Elk River man has not been charged. The Star Tribune reports details were contained in a search warrant affidavit. The affidavit alleges the suspect used cameras that could be operated remotely using a cellphone. Authorities allege the man targeted stores frequented by teenage girls, including Hollister and Forever 21. He was arrested in September with help from a store manager. According to the affidavit, the suspect would mount a fake shelf to fitting room walls at the Mall of America with cameras mounted under the shelves. Bloomington police learned that police also were investigating a hidden camera found at the Maplewood Mall.

Officials find more

fetal remains connected to late doctor

INDIANAPOLIS

(AP)—

Authorities in Illinois discovered additional fetal remains Wednesday stashed in a car that had belonged to a doctor who performed abortions in Indiana, a month after his death led to the discovery of more than 2,200 other sets of remains in his garage. Investigators for the Will County Sheriff's Department in suburban Chicago found the fetal remains in the car at a parking lot, adding to the sets of remains connected to Dr. Ulrich Klopfer that were found on Sept. 12 at his garage. The sheriff's office says during its investigation last month into the origin of the remains found in the garage it became aware of numerous vehicles and properties either owned or rented by Klopfer in the Chicago suburb of Dolton. Eight vehicles belonging to Klopfer were located, and in the trunk of one car, five plastic bags and a box were found to contain "numerous medically preserved fetal remains." The sheriff's office says fewer than 100 fetal remains were recovered Wednesday, although that may change "pending a more thorough examination of the contents and records."

Police: Memory card depicts woman's killing, man in custody

A digital memory card found on a street in Alaska's largest city contained videos of a woman being strangled and pictures of her face down in the back of a truck, according to police and a charging document released Wednesday. Anchorage police believe human remains found along a highway earlier this month are those of the woman. Authorities said they are working to identify her and her manner of death. Police said they arrested Brian Steven Smith, 48, on a murder charge Tuesday. Smith had a brief court appearance Wednesday in which he was not asked to enter a plea. A judge said he would appoint for Smith a public defender when Smith said he could not afford a lawyer. Deputy District Attorney Brittany L. Dunlop said the process calls for the case to be brought before a grand jury. The investigation continues.(AP)

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World

2 dead in attack targeting German synagogue on Yom Kippur

HALLE, Germany (AP)—A heavily armed assailant ranting about Jews tried to force his way into a synagogue in Germany on Yom Kippur, Judaism's holiest day, then shot two people to death nearby in an attack Wednesday that was livestreamed on a popular gaming site.

The attacker shot at the door of the synagogue in the eastern city of Halle but did not get in as 70 to 80 people inside were observing the holy day.

The gunman shouted that Jews were "the root" of "problems" such as feminism and "mass immigration," according to a group that tracks online extremism. It said a roughly 36-minute video posted online featured the assailant, who spoke a combination of English and German, denying the Holocaust before he shot a woman in the street after failing to enter the synagogue. He then entered a nearby kebab shop and killed another person before fleeing.

Germany's top security official, Interior Minister Horst Seehofer, said authorities must assume that it was an anti-Semitic attack, and said prosecutors believe there may be a right-wing extremist motive. He said several people were hurt.

The attack "strikes the Jewish community, Jewish people not just in Germany but particularly in Germany, to the core," said the country's main Jewish leader, Josef Schuster. "It was, I think, only lucky cir-



cumstances that prevented a bigger massacre."

The filming of Wednesday's attack echoed another horrific shooting halfway around the world when a far-right white supremacist in March killed 51 people at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand and livestreamed much of the attack on Facebook. That massacre drew strong criticism of social media giants for not immediately finding and blocking such a violent video.

Wednesday's assault followed attacks in the United States over the past year on synagogues in Pittsburgh and Poway, California.

The head of Halle's Jewish community, Max Privorozki, told news magazine Der Spiegel that a surveillance camera at the entrance of the synagogue showed a person trying to break into the building.

"The assailant shot sev-

eral times at the door and also threw several Molotov cocktails, firecrackers or grenades to force his way in," he said. "But the door remained closed—God protected us. The whole thing lasted perhaps five to 10 minutes."

A video clip shown on regional public broadcaster MDR showed a man in a helmet and an olive-colored top

getting out of a car and firing four shots from behind the vehicle from a long-barreled gun.

Conrad Roessler said he was in the kebab shop when a man with a helmet and a military jacket threw something that looked like a grenade, which bounced off the doorframe. He said the man then shot into the shop.

"All the customers next to me ran, of course I did too. I think there were five or six of us in there," Roessler told n-tv television. "The man behind me probably died."

"I hid in the toilet," he added. "The others looked for the back entrance. I didn't know if there was one. I locked myself quietly in this toilet, and wrote to my family that I love them,

and waited for something to happen."

Police then came into the shop, he said.

Schuster offered his condolences to the relatives of "the two completely uninvolved people" who were killed and his sympathy to those were wounded. German authorities didn't give any details on the victims.



ANTI-COAL PROTEST

Environmental activists, dressed in anime costumes as, from left, Pikachu, Naruto, Goku and Doraemon, join other activists in a rally to call on Japanese government to stop funding coal especially to the ASEAN region, which they claim contributes to the worsening climate change globally Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019 in suburban Pasay city, south of Manila, Philippines. The protest coincided with the ASEAN senior officials meeting on sports that was attended by Japan as it hosts the 2020 Olympics.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION As of October 11, 2019

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	ТҮРЕ	STATUS
1. Marianas Visitors Authority	10/01/2019 TSm-2019-X-006	Installation of Solar Operated Lights with 20ft. Poles	Taga Beach, Tinian	Shoreline	Approved* 10/03/2019
2. Docomo Pacific, Inc.	10/04/2019 RLRm-2019-X-1004	Fiber Optic Repair	Rota	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*
3. Zone-D Development Limited	10/01/2019 SS-2020-X-001	Concrete Perimeter Fence	Athulong Loop, Chalan Piao, Saipan	Shoreline	Under Review*
4. Suwaso Corporation dba Coral Ocean Golf Resort	10/01/2019 SMS-93-X-54, Amendment 2020-1	Repair and Expansion of Existing Swimming Pool & Surrounding Area	As Gonno Road, Koblerville, Saipan	Major-Siting	Under Review
5. Blue & Blue, LLC dba B&B Tour	10/09/2019 SLR-2020-X-002	Snorkeling	Grotto, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

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Science & Technology

Nobel prize honors breakthroughs on lithium-ion batteries

STOCKHOLM (AP)—If you're reading this on a cellphone or laptop computer, you might thank the three winners of this year's Nobel Prize in chemistry for their work on lithium-ion batteries.

The batteries power cellphones, laptops, electric cars and countless other devices of modern life, and could become the foundation for a greener future. Batteries that economically store energy from renewable sources like the wind and sun open up new possibilities to curb global warming.

"This is a highly charged story of tremendous potential," quipped Olof Ramstrom of the Nobel committee for chemistry.

The prize announced Wednesday went to John B. Goodenough, 97, an engineering professor at the University

of Texas; M. Stanley Whittingham, 77, a chemistry professor at the State University of New York at Binghamton; and Akira Yoshino, 71, of chemical company Asahi Kasei Corp. and Meijo University in Japan.

"The heart of the phone is the rechargeable battery. The heart of the electric vehicle is the rechargeable battery. The success and failure of so many new technologies depends on the batteries," said Alexej Jerschow, a chemist at New York University, whose research focuses on the lithium-ion battery.

Goodenough, who is considered an intellectual giant of solid state chemistry and physics, is the oldest person to ever win a Nobel Prize—edging out Arthur Ashkin, who was 96 when he was awarded the Nobel for physics last year.



Yoshino

Goodenough said he is grateful he was not forced to retire at age 65.

"So I've had an extra 33 years to keep working," he told reporters in London, where he was to accept another prize.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Whittingham



Whittingham

said he had no inkling that his work decades ago would have such a profound impact.

"We thought it would be nice and help in a few things, but never dreamed it would revolutionize electronics and everything else," he said.

And in Japan, Yoshino said he hoped the technology could enable greater adoption of renewable energy sources.

"We must create a society where electricity is generated by renewables in order to resolve the climate change problem," he said.



Goodenough

The three scientists each had unique breakthroughs that laid the foundation for the development of a commercial rechargeable battery, an alternative to older alkaline batteries containing lead, nickel or zinc that had their origins in the 19th century.

All batteries store chemical energy that can be converted into electricity. But earlier batteries were unsafe, too heavy or not rechargeable—limiting their practical use

In the 1970s, Whittingham, who had researched superconductors at Stanford University,

was hired by Exxon at a time when the petroleum giant was investing in research on energy storage.

Whittingham harnessed the tendency of lithium—the lightest metal—to give away its electrons to make a lightweight battery capable of generating just over two volts.

By 1980, building on Whittingham's work, Goodenough had doubled the capacity of the battery to four volts by using cobalt oxide in the cathode—one of two electrodes, along with the anode, that make up the ends of a battery.

But that battery remained too unstable for general commercial use. That's where Yoshino's work in the 1980s came in. He eliminated the volatile pure lithium from the battery, and instead opted for lithium ions that are safer. He added another material in one electrode that reduced the potential for fires.

This step paved the way for the first lightweight, safe, durable and rechargeable commercial batteries to be built and enter the market in 1991.

Discovery of 20 new moons puts Saturn ahead of Jupiter

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The solar system has a new winner in the moon department.

Twenty new moons have been found around Saturn, giving the ringed planet a total of 82, scientists said Monday. That beats Jupiter and its 79 moons.

"It was fun to find that Saturn is the true moon king," said astronomer Scott Sheppard of the Carnegie Institution for Science.

If it's any consolation to the Jupiter crowd, our solar system's biggest planet—Jupiter—still has the biggest moon. Jupiter's Ganymede is almost half the size of Earth. By contrast, Saturn's 20 new moons are minuscule, each barely 3 miles (5 kilometers) in diameter.

Sheppard and his team used

a telescope in Hawaii to spot Saturn's 20 new moons over the summer. About 100 even tinier moons may be orbiting Saturn, still waiting to be found, he said.

Astronomers have pretty much completed the inventory of moons as small as 3 miles (5 kilometers) around Saturn and 1 mile (1.6 kilometers) around Jupiter, according to Sheppard. Future larger telescopes will be needed to see anything smaller.

It's harder spotting mini moons around Saturn than Jupiter, Sheppard said, given how much farther Saturn is.

"So seeing that Saturn has more moons even though it is harder to find them, shows just how many moons Saturn has collected over time," he wrote in an email. These baby moons may have come from larger parent moons that broke apart right after Saturn formed.

Seventeen of Saturn's new moons orbit the planet in the opposite, or retrograde, direction. The other three circle in the same direction that Saturn rotates. They're so far from Saturn that it takes two to three years to complete a single orbit.

"These moons are the remnants of the objects that helped form the planets, so by studying them, we are learning about what the planets formed from," Sheppard wrote.

Just last year, Sheppard found 12 new moons around Jupiter. The Carnegie Institution had a moon-naming contest for them; another is planned now for Saturn's new moons.

TECH Q&A: How to upgrade an e-mail program without losing mail

Q: I've been using a POP (Post Office Protocol) account to access my Comcast e-mail; it deletes old mail from the server once I download it to my PC's Outlook mail program. Now I want to switch to an **IMAP** (internet Message Access Protocol) e-mail account, which would keep all my mail on the server so I can access it from both my phone and tablet computer. How can I do that while moving 2.5 gigabytes of old e-mail from Outlook to the mail server?

A: Comcast makes it fairly easy to switch your e-mail account from POP to IMAP (see tinyurl.com/y2uhg9j8).

But there's a catch: It's unclear whether all 2.5 gigabytes your old e-mail will be copied back to the Comcast mail server during the POP to IMAP conversion. If it isn't, some of that e-mail might be lost.

To avoid losing any e-mail, back up the contents of Outlook before making the switch from POP to IMAP. By using a process called "exporting," you can back up your e-mail to a PC folder that's not part of Outlook (see tinyurl.com/y6smkcev).

Then follow Comcast's directions for creating a new IMAP account, and for transferring the contents of your inbox, sent mail, etc. to the new account. (This is an at-

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tempt by Comcast to copy your PC e-mail back to the mail server. If it works, great. If not, you've got the backup.)

Once the transition to IMAP is completed, you can "import" your e-mail back into your PC's Outlook program (see details at the same URL that explained "export.")

Once you have an IMAP email account, all your devices will be able to read, save or delete new e-mail. Whether your old mail will be visible on all devices, or just your PC, remains to be seen.

Q: My iMac frequently gets a message that I need to update the Adobe Flash software. But when I try to download the software, nothing seems to happen. Then, a few hours later, the warning appears again. How can I either update Flash or get rid of the warning?

A: You don't need to update Adobe Flash animation and streaming software because it's being phased out (see tinyurl.com/y59fkw8c).

To get rid of the update warning, disable it on your Mac (see tinyurl.com/yxmezl5l).

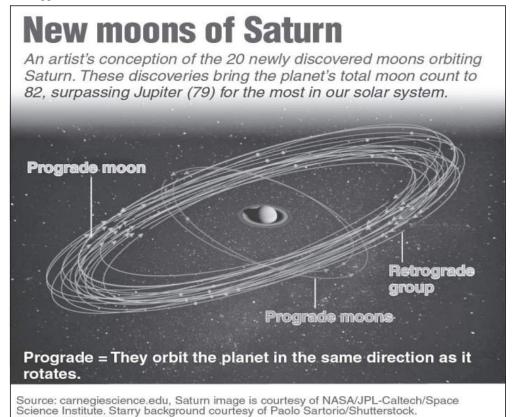
However, it's possible that the repeating Flash warning is a fake, and that by "updating" you are actually downloading advertising software (see tinyurl. com/y28k9rmd).

To get rid of junk software, get the free version of the Malwarebytes security program (see tinyurl.com/jf29qxx).

Q: The internet Explorer browser on my Windows 8.1 PC is getting "this page can't be displayed" messages on several different Google websites. What should I do?

Harry Thompson, Tucson, Ariz.

A: Use another browser, such as Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. Or, to continue using internet Explorer, you can try fixes such as disabling "enhanced protected mode," deleting browser history or disabling add-on programs (see tinyurl.com/y5u2tura).



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Off The Wall

Deer crashes through window of Long Island hair salon

LAKE RONKONKOMA, N.Y. (AP)—A deer crashed through the window of a Long Island hair salon Saturday and ran amok before breaking out

the front door with a straightening iron in tow.

The buck's surprise visit to the Be.you.tiful salon in Lake Ronkonkoma was captured by the salon's security camera and widely shared on social media.

Salon owner Jenisse Heredia said she was cutting a client's hair when she heard "this wild crash" and thought it was a car. "But when I looked I saw a deer coming at me," Heredia said Sunday.

The buck ran to the break room at the back of the shop, came back out and hit a mirror, then ran out with an iron caught on its antlers, Heredia said.

Police said one client suffered leg and head pain and was treated at a hospital. The security video shows the deer jumping over the woman's head as she sits on a couch at the front of the shop.

Although the buck ran

through the shop thrashing its antlers, it caused little damage other than to the front door and window, Heredia said. "It's crazy It didn't break anything," she said.

The salon, which is closed Sundays, will open as usual on Monday, she said.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Good boy! Dog saves South Carolina veteran during house fire

BEAUFORT, S.C. (AP)—A South Carolina man says a house fire would have ended his life if it weren't for his four-legged friend. News outlets report that Curly the dog saved Brian Rand on Monday morning by waking him during a house fire. Rand says Curly nudged and pushed him until he woke up. He says he walked into the hallway, saw heavy smoke and immediately grabbed Curly to run outside. Half of Rand's home was destroyed but firefighters were able to save Rand's medals from his service during the Vietnam War. Rand says the roof would've collapsed on him if Curly hadn't awakened him. Rand says he went to an animal shelter three years ago looking for a small dog. Instead, Rand says the 70-pound (32-kilogram) Curly picked him.

Squirrels hide more than 200 walnuts under SUV's hood

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A Pittsburgh area couple found out where all their walnuts have gone. It turns out squirrels stored more than 200 of them under the hood of the couple's SUV. Chris Persic tells KDKA-TV his wife called to say the vehicle smelled like it was burning. When she

popped the hood, she found walnuts and grass piled over the engine. They took the SUV to a mechanic who found half a trashcan of walnuts under the engine. Persic says there was not any extensive damage. But a squirrel may have chewed through or pulled out the fuel injector hose on his new truck. The Persics have gotten a quote on removing a black walnut tree from their property.

Un-bear-able! Cubs get locked in van, honk horn to get out

GATLINBURG, Tenn. (AP)—Two bear cubs were rescued after they locked themselves in a van and then honked the horn for help. News reports say security technician Jeff Stokely had parked his van outside a customer's home in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and went to work. Soon he heard a horn honking and realized it was his van. He went back to the van and was surprised when he saw two small bear cubs locked inside and repeatedly hitting the horn. Stokely says the cubs must have climbed in through the driver side door and then locked themselves by hitting the lock button. Stokely took video and photos of the cubs before opening a door to let them out. He says he didn't see Mama Bear nearby.

Police: High school coach lifted \$40 from player's wallet

CLOVIS, N.M. (AP)—A New Mexico football coach has been fired and faces criminal charges after authorities said a student used a cellphone video to capture the coach on video taking money from a player's wallet.

State Police arrested Miyamura High School coach John D. Roanhaus on Saturday following a review of the footage showing Roanhaus going into the school's locker room and taking \$40 from the wallet, court documents said.

According to an arrest warrant, a police officer was contacted by a student's mother who showed the officer the cellphone video. The video showed Roanhaus walking into the school's locker area, taking two \$20 bills from a black wallet and stuffing the money in his sock, Officer Nathaniel Renteria wrote in the arrest warrant.

Roanhaus had been the head football coach at the high school in the small, New Mexico western city of Gallup since 2018. He is the youngest son of New Mexico Hall of Fame coach Eric Roanhaus, who retired in 2016 as head football coach at Clovis High School after recording 343 wins, the most in state history.

The mother told Renteria it wasn't the first time that players had experienced thefts in the locker room.

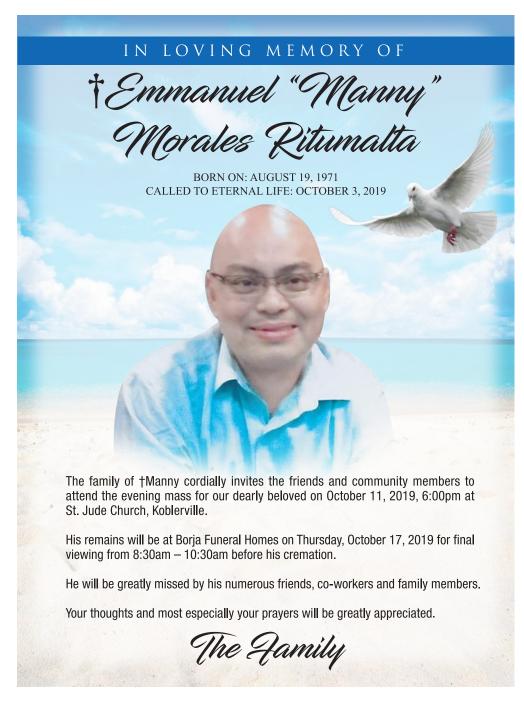
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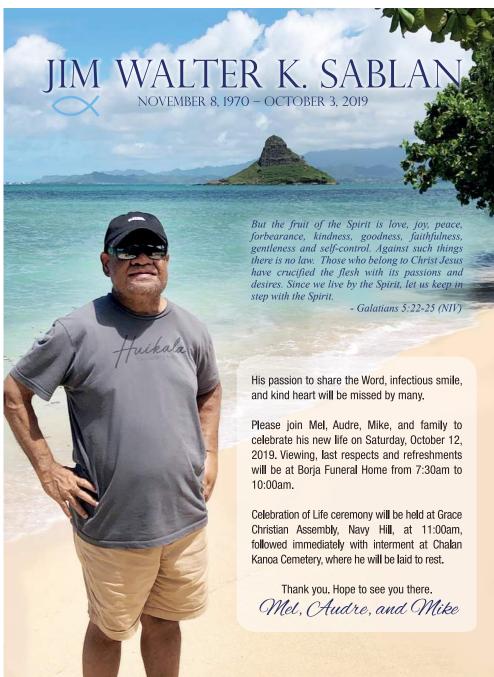
Schools Superintendent Mike Hyatt told the Gallup Independent newspaper that Roanhaus was fired.

Roanhaus, 42, was charged with larceny and non-residential burglary and ordered held on \$2,000 bail. Roanhaus did not immediately respond to a telephone message left Wednesday seeking comment.

No attorney was listed for Roanhaus and he has not been assigned a public defender, court records said. A preliminary court hearing on the case was scheduled for Wednesday.

Miyamura High School's football team has a 1-6 record this season after a 55-14 loss last Friday.





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Life & Style

Woman accuses Matt Lauer of rape; former anchor denies claim

YORK (AP)—A woman who worked at NBC News claimed that Matt Lauer raped her at a hotel while on assignment for the Sochi Olympics, an encounter the former "Today" show host claimed was consensual.

The claim outlined by Brooke Nevils in Ronan Farrow's book, "Catch and Kill," puts a name and details behind the event that led to Lauer's firing by NBC in 2017. It also provoked the first public response from Lauer, who said in a defiant and graphic letter made public by his lawyer that "my silence was a mistake."

Variety first reported Nevils' charges after obtaining a copy of Farrow's book. The Associated Press typically does not identify alleged victims of sexual assault, unless they step forward publicly as Nevils has done.

Nevils, who was working for Meredith Vieira in Sochi. met her for drinks one night and Lauer joined them. Nevils said she had six shots of vodka and wound up going to Lauer's room.

She said that Lauer pushed her onto a bed and asked if she liked anal sex. Nevils said

she declined several times, but then Lauer "just did it." She described the encounter "excruciatingly painful."

"It was nonconsensual in the sense that I was too drunk Lauer to consent." Nevils told Farrow, accord-

ing to Variety. "It was nonconsensual in that I said, multiple times, that I didn't want to have anal sex."

In his letter, Lauer admitted to his extramarital affair with Nevils. He said on that night in Sochi



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Lauer's defense of his behavior extends beyond his relationship with Nevils. He said he has "never assaulted anyone or forced anyone to

He also acknowledges other extramarital encounters, and criticized the women involved for having "abandoned shared responsibility" for the affairs to shield themselves from blame behind false allegations.

"They have avoided having to look at a boyfriend, a husband or a child in the eye and say, 'I cheated," Lauer said. "And I will no longer provide them the shelter of my silence."

Lauer said the night in Sochi was the first of several sexual encounters he had with Nevils over several months,

including one in his dressing room at NBC, which "showed terrible judgment on my part."

Nevils' lawyer did not immediately return a message for comment on Lauer's letter Wednesday.

Eleanor McManus, who co-founded the group Press Forward to support victims of sexual abuse in the news industry, said Lauer's letter was "unbelievable.

"Lauer's statement demonstrates not only his lack of remorse, but his lack of understanding of sexual harassment and the #MeToo movement," said McManus, who said she was harassed by journalist Mark Halperin (who lost jobs at NBC and elsewhere because of these and other accusations). "Nowhere in his letter does Lauer acknowledge the power he yielded as a celebrity and the star of NBC's highest-rated show. The two people in that hotel room in Sochi did not have equal power."

Farrow's publisher, Little, Brown & amp; Co., said that the book has been factchecked and incorporates the responses of individuals and institutions that were included. When it is published, "readers will understand the full context and impact of Farrow's work, and the bravery of the sources who entrusted him with their stories."

Rape accusations against Lauer ensnares NBC management

NEW YORK (AP)—Two years after Matt Lauer was abruptly fired by NBC News for sexual misconduct, more questions are emerging about the former "Today" show host's behavior and whether bosses looked the other way at problems involving one of the network's biggest stars.

A new book by Ronan Farrow, a former NBC News employee who now works at The New Yorker, names the accuser whose story that Lauer raped her in a Sochi hotel room led to his dismissal.

Lauer denied the charges in an angry and defiant letter released by his lawyer Wednesday and said that his public silence since his firing had been

Nevils, a former NBC News employee who worked with Meredith Vieira at the Sochi Olympics in 2014, met her boss for drinks one night and Lauer joined them. Nevils said she had six shots of vodka and wound up going to Lauer's room.

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In his letter, Lauer admitted Farrow's book said Brooke to his extramarital affair with Nevils. He said on that night in Sochi that they consensually performed a variety of sexual acts.

"She was a fully enthusiastic and willing partner," he wrote. "At no time did she behave in a way that made it appear she was incapable of consent. She seemed to know exactly what she wanted to do."

He claimed they had an affair that lasted after they returned to the United States. Nevils described the sex as "transactional" and that she feared the effect Lauer could have on her career. In one case, she told Farrow that she had asked Lauer for help recording a goodbye video for a friend leaving NBC. He told her he'd do it in his office, and then demanded oral sex, Farrow wrote in the book, "Catch and Kill."

Nevils said she felt she had to do something to protect other women at NBC News, leading to her filing the complaint against Lauer in November 2017.

"Matt Lauer's conduct was appalling, horrific and reprehensible, as we said at the time," NBC News said in a statement Wednesday. "That's why he was fired within 24 hours of us first learning of the complaint. Our hearts break again for our colleague."

NBC said then that Lauer had been fired for "inappropriate sexual conduct." The specific rape allegation did not become public until Variety reported Wednesday that Lauer before he was fired, Nevils spoke to Farrow.

Nevils grew disenchanted with NBC, feeling bosses there weren't doing enough to protect her anonymity internally and mischaracterizing the relationship with Lauer as an affair. After some rough times—she said she was hospitalized for post-traumatic stress and alcohol abuse—she left NBC with a seven-figure settlement.

NBC Chairman Andrew Lack, in a memo sent to network staff on Wednesday, said the network hadn't known of Lauer's behavior with Nevils until the day before he was fired. An internal investigation uncovered no claims or settlements associated with allegations of inappropriate conduct by Lack said.

'We're not alone': 'Sesame Street' tackles addiction crisis

YORK "Sesame Street" is taking a new step to try to help kids navigate life in America—it's tackling the opioid crisis.

Sesame Workshop is exploring the backstory of Karli, a bright green, yellow-haired friend of Elmo's whose mother is battling addiction. The initiative is part of the Sesame Street in Communities resources available online.

"Sesame Street" creators said they turned to the issue of addiction since data shows 5.7 million children under age 11 live in households with a parent with substance use disorder.

"There's nothing else out there that addresses substance abuse for young, young kids from their perspective," said Kama Einhorn, a senior content manager with Sesame Workshop. It's also a chance to model to adults a way to explain what they're going through to kids and to offer



This undated image released by Sesame Workshop shows 10-yearold Salia Woodbury, whose parents are in recovery, with "Sesame Street" character Karli.

simple strategies to cope.

"Even a parent at their most vulnerable—at the worst of their struggle-can take one

thing away when they watch it with their kids, then that serves the purpose," Einhorn said.

This summer in Manhattan,

The Associated Press looked on as puppeteers, producers and show creators crammed into a small studio in the nonprofit's Manhattan headquarters to tape some of the upcoming segments.

Karli, voiced and manipulated by puppeteer Haley Jenkins, was joined by a young girl-10-year-old Salia Woodbury, whose parents are in recovery.

"Hi, it's me, Karli. I'm here with my friend Salia. Both of our parents have had the same problem—addiction," Karli told the camera.

"My mom and dad told me that addiction is a sickness," Salia said.

"Yeah, a sickness that makes people feel like they have to take drugs or drink alcohol to feel OK. My mom was having a hard time with addiction and I felt like my family was the only one going through it. But now I've met so many other kids like us. It

makes me feel like we're not alone," the puppet continued.

"Right, we're not alone," Salia responded. "And it's OK to open up to people about our feelings."

In the segment, Karli and Salia each hold up hand-drawn pictures of flowers, with multiple petals representing "big feelings"—like anger, sadness and happiness. They offer ways to feel better, including art and breathing exercises.

The segment leans on carefully considered language. Creators prefer "addiction" to "substance abuse" and "recovery" to "sobriety" because those terms are clearer to children. Despite the subject, the mood was light in the room, largely thanks to Jenkins' calm and empathic manner.

"I know it feels awkward because people don't normally have conversations standing shoulderto-shoulder," she told Salia between takes. "This is weird, but trust me, it looks good."

Bedbound and 'bored stiff' Ozzy Osbourne cancels tour dates

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Ozzy Osbourne says he's going off the rails on a crazy train while stuck at home with health woes, but plans to be back on track soon.

Osbourne says in a video posted to Twitter Wednesday that in a "bad fall" early this year he "screwed up all the vertebrae" in his neck.

The 70-year-old says he'll have to cancel European tour dates that had been scheduled for January and February, but he's recovering enough that he's keeping North American tour dates that start in May on the calendar.

The former Black Sabbath frontman and solo metal star behind hits like "Crazy Train" says in the video that he's "bored stiff" being stuck in bed all day.

Osbourne had to cancel North American shows this year because of health troubles.

Andrew Ridgeley looks back with fondness at George Michael

(AP)—Long before he was a music icon in skintight jeans, leather jacket and designer stubble, George Michael something was else—awkward, Ridgeley chubby and inse-



cure. He even went by the very unhip nickname Yog.

A loving portrait of a young, striving Michael is offered in a

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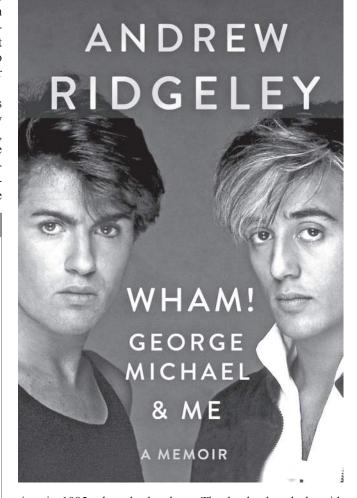
new book by his closest friend and former bandmate, Andrew Ridgeley. His "Wham! George Michael & Me" is part memoir and part monument to one of the biggest pop stars of the 1980s.

"The point of the book was really to illustrate our friendship and how it really formed," Ridgeley told The Associated Press. "It's very

killed him last year is set to

difficult to put it into words or really put your finger on exactly what it was that people found so attractive about Wham! But it was a lot to do with George and me and our friendship."

In the book, Ridgeley traces the rise of Wham! and key moments in the band's career, like the creation of hits like "Careless Whisper" and "Everything She Wants," their appearances at Live Aid and the



Kurt Cobain's 'Unplugged' sweater, guitar, head to auction

LOS ANGELES (AP)— The olive green cardigan that Kurt Cobain wore during Nirvana's MTV "Unplugged" performance and one of the late rocker's custom guitars are headed to auction. Julien's Auctions said Wednesday that the sweater and a custom Fender guitar built in 1993 that Cobain used during the band's In Utero tour will be offered during a two-day auction of rock memorabilia this month. The turquoise-bodied left-handed guitar was on display for several years at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Cobain, one of the biggest stars of the grunge rock music scene of the early 1990s, was 27 when he killed himself on April 5, 1994. Other pieces in the auction include handwritten lyrics by Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton and Bruce Springsteen. The auction will be held Oct. 25 and 26.

Suspect in rapper Mac Miller's drug death to appear in court

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man charged with selling rapper Mac Miller the drugs that

appear in federal court in Los Angeles. Prosecutors allege 28-year-old Cameron Pettit of West Hollywood sold Miller counterfeit opioids and cocaine. He's scheduled to be arraigned Thursday. Pettit, who has been in custody since his arrest last month, has not entered a plea. His attorney has declined comment. He faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years in prison if convicted of either of the charges related to Miller's death. Two others have been arrested in the case. It's unclear when they will be arraigned. Authorities say the 26-year-old Miller died in September 2018 of an accidental overdose of the opioid fentanyl, along with cocaine and alcohol.

Cuba Gooding Jr.'s groping trial set to begin on Thursday

NEW YORK (AP) — Cuba Gooding Jr.'s trial on groping charges is set to begin this week. The trial, which is scheduled to start Thursday, was postponed in September after prosecutors said they were still waiting for evidence in the Oscar-winning "Jerry Maguire" star's case. Gooding's lawyers argued against the delay. The actor is accused of placing his hand on a 29-year-old woman's breast and squeezing it without her consent at Magic Hour Rooftop Bar & Lounge near Times Square on June 9. The woman told police she believed Gooding was intoxicated. The 51-year-old Gooding was arrested four days later after turning himself in to police. He pleaded not guilty to forcible touching and sexual abuse charges and was released on his own recognizance. Gooding later requested to have his case thrown out, but he was rejected. The defense had filed papers saying the misdemeanor forcible touching case should be dismissed based on accounts of two witnesses who say it never happened, and that video from the bar backs up that claim. The papers argued that since there was clear evidence that no crime was committed, it was necessary to throw out the case to protect the integrity of the criminal justice system. The judge ruled that the conflicting accounts should be resolved at a trial. Gooding faces up to a year in jail if convicted.

time in 1985 when the band became the first Western pop group to visit China.

But while this may be Ridgely's memoir, Michael looms large and the book peters out after Wham! broke up in 1986 as Michael's star soared, almost as if the most interesting thing Ridgeley has to write about is his friend, who died on Christmas Day 2016.

There are fun anecdotes, such as the drunken hijinks that accompanied the video shoot for "Last Christmas," the reason why Ridgeley wasn't part of Band Aid and the note he drunkenly wrote on his parents' fridge that became the title of a Wham! hit: "Mum, wake me up up before you go go."

The book also deals with more weighty subjects, like how their lives changed as tabloids stalked the pair and that during the band's life Michael realized he was gav but remained closeted. It was a business decision to stay there.

"He felt it would undermine us and our chances of success. And it was very important to both of us that Wham! was a success that we wished for," Ridgeley said. "It was tough for him. There's no doubt about that. And it caused him a great deal of discomfort."

Ridgeley met a 13-year-old Michael-born Georgios Panayiotou to a Cypriot family—in 1975, at school in Hertfordshire, England. They quickly bonded over a shared sense of humor

This cover image released by Dutton shows "Wham! George Michael & Me," a memoir by Andrew Ridgelev.

and music, both loving Queen, Elton John and David Bowie.

The pair formed a skainfluenced quintet called The Executive and then in 1981 re-emerged as a duo, taking the name Wham! from their first completed song, "Wham Rap."

Ridgeley, 56, writes that Wham! was never meant to last very long, saying the youth-driven duo was intended to "burn brightly, but briefly." Ridgeley just wanted to form a band, write music and perform. Michael soon outgrew his bandmate and their breakup was amicable. "I achieved my ambition early in life," Ridgeley said.

The book charts the evolution of Michael from a frumpy, uncool kid who collected Spider-Man comics into a superstar, with detours into very tight Fila shorts and plenty of hours of hair teasing. Ridgely has a few well-intentioned cracks at Michael's early fashion mistakes and his later endless obsession with his appearance.

"He struggled with his looks and his weight as an adolescent," Ridgely said. "His transformation, in every sense, is quite amazing. Music and the career that he chose, allowed him to become, in some ways, the man in his mind's eye."

Ridgeley said he didn't always handle the tabloid press very well, unable to shake the "Animal Andy" or "Randy Andy" labels as a hard-partying pop star. In many ways, the book is a lesson for any wannabe pop stars out there about the pitfalls ahead.

Hosting overnight guests proves prickly for family with six cats

EAR ABBY: We have a small house, and family and friends are always welcome. We also have six cats, and their care and comfort are paramount. We keep our cats separated so they don't fight, so two cats occupy what used to be our guest room. We have explained this to overnight guests, several of whom are allergic to cats or don't like them, and they insist "everything will be fine." They then refuse to let the cats into the room during the day, while our distressed feline family members howl and claw the door.

There are simple things that must be done when living with cats, like making sure they don't run outside (they are all indoor cats), keeping toilet lids down and breakable things out of their reach. Our guests don't seem to care and they don't comply. Frankly, I wouldn't care if the cats took their jewelry, but I would care if one of them choked on it.

Why is this so hard to understand? Our cats need care and consideration; they are not disposable furry houseplants. To be fair, we visit with these petless folks, so we can't ask them not to stay with us. I've even tried putting Post-it notes around the house, reminding guests to keep doors and toilet lids closed, etc. They reacted like they thought I was rude! How do we handle this politely so there are no hurt feelings?

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been having the roughest year of our marriage, and we are divorcing. He has started a new relationship with a woman who is 14 years younger than he is, and he takes our 5-year-old to her house. I feel it is inappropriate because who knows if this relationship

My husband and I are still living together. He's in the basement; I'm upstairs. I don't think it's wise for him to take our child on picnics and play dates at her house. I have tried to have a conversation about boundaries and doing what's best for our daughter, and I don't know what his next move will be. Living with the young lady? What should I do next?

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that parents who are divorcing should not introduce a child to the new partner until it's clear the relationship will be long-lasting. At this point, you can't control to whom your husband introduces your little girl. This is a conversation you should be having with the attorney who is arranging your divorce. If something presents a danger to your child, the lawyer may be able to help you put a stop to it.

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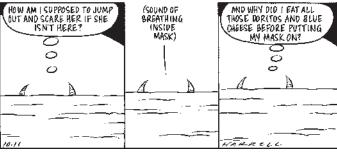
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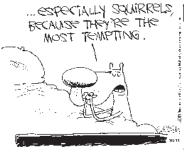
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Matt Bomer, 42; Emily Deschanel, 43; Jane Krakowski, 51; Joan Cusack, 57. **Happy Birthday:** You have more options than

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take the safe route when dealing with superiors. Listen carefully, and develop a good rapport with whomever can influence your next career move, purchase or personal decision. Intelligence coupled with intuition will help you reach

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al confusion will surface due to mixed messages someone sends you. When in doubt, ask questions. Don't wait for someone else to do something for you when taking the initiative and doing things yourself will ensure you get things done on time. 🛇



CANCER (June 21-July 22): The plan should be to have fun, enjoy what you do and spend more time with the people who bring out the best in you. Distance yourself from argumentative or controlling individuals. Personal improvements and romance are favored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Just do what you have to do, and get on with it. If you take time to argue with someone, you will accomplish little. Finish what you start, and give others the chance to follow whatever path they choose.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let your imagination wander, and you'll come up with an innovative idea that can help

improve your relationship with someone special. Social events, romantic dates, family gatherings and pleasure trips are favored. A change you make will be enlightening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Use your skills for something that will encourage you to make extra cash launching a home-based business. You shouldn't have to invest a lot of money to get started. Using what you have already will work wonders. Romance is heightened. •••

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Now is not the time to take a break. If you put your skills and imagination to work, you will come up with a plan that will lead to a positive change. Per-

sonal improvement is encouraged. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Fraternizing with peers will help you recognize what's real and what's not. If

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A change is heading your way. Embrace what's coming instead of worrying about it or trying to avoid participating. What appears to be something you don't want will turn into an

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one uses fancy words to confuse or mislead you, back away. Do your research and discover the truth before you take action. There is more power in facts and simple explanations than there is in lying. Do what's right. •••

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Dodgers done; Nationals advance to NLCS



LES (AP)— Howie Ken-

drick hit a tiebreaking grand slam off in the 10th inning and the Washington Nationals, boosted by a stunning rally against Clayton Kershaw, beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 7-3 Wednesday night and advanced to the NL Championship Series against St. Louis.

Anthony Rendon and Juan Soto homered on consecutive pitches to overcome a 3-1 deficit in the eighth against Kershaw, a three-time Cy Young Award winner. Soto had started the comeback from a 3-0 hole with an RBI single in the sixth off starter Walker Buehler, then hit a 449-foot drive of Kershaw.

Adam Eaton walked against Joe Kelly leading off the 10th, Rendon doubled on a drive that lodged in the left-field wall and Soto was intentionally walked.

Kendrick, 4 for 19 with one RBI in the series, fouled off a pitch and then hit a 97 mph fastball over the wall in dead center for his second career slam. The other was a game-ending, 11th-inning drive against San Francisco in August 2017. Center fielder Cody Bellinger chased the ball all the way to the wall, putting his arms up against the fence as he ran out of room.

"It was electric. Probably the best moment of my career," said the 36-year-old Kendrick, a 14-year big league veteran who played for the Dodgers and Los Angeles Angels. "We never gave up. The city had faith in us. The fans had faith in us. We believed in ourselves, everybody came through for us."

Dodgers fans started exiting



as the bases emptied.

The wild-card Nationals open the NLCS at the Cardinals on Friday night. Washington overcame a 19-31 start, finished 93-69 and then rallied from a 3-0, eighth-inning deficit to beat Milwaukee 4-3 in the NL wild-card game and bounced back from down 2-1 in the best-of-five series against the Dodgers.

"Oh, man, keep fighting," Rendon said. "I think that's the story of maybe this organization."

The seven-time defending NL West champion Dodgers, who led the NL with 106 wins, remain without a World Series title since 1988.

"Disappointing is probably an understatement," manager Dave Roberts said.

Daniel Hudson got the win, retiring Will Smith on a drive to the right field warning track with one on and one out in the ninth, then getting Chris Taylor on a liner to center.

Sean Doolittle pitched a perfect 10th for the Nationals, ending a streak of three straight NLCS appearances by the Dodgers.

The Nationals/Montreal Expos franchise won a postseason series for only the second time, the first since the Expos beat Philadelphia in a 1981 Division Series caused by the midseason players' strike.

"I'm really excited for the bovs in that clubhouse that fought all year," manager Dave Martinez said.

Kershaw sat on the bench after the home runs, looking forlorn, bowing his head and holding it with his hands.

"It's a terrible feeling," Kershaw said.

The left-hander had replaced Buehler with two on and two outs in the seventh, and struck out Eaton on three pitches. Roberts didn't second-guess his decision to stay with Kershaw in the eighth.

"He's probably the best pitcher of our generation," Roberts said. "It just didn't work out. There's always going to be second-guessing. I'll take my chances any day on Clayton."

Stephen Strasburg fell behind 2-0 after eight pitches. Joc Pederson doubled on a drive that went through an opening in the left-field wall the crowd saw it land in the seats and thought it was a home run—but he was awarded the double after a video review. Muncy, who had been 0 for 12 against Strasburg, drove a fastball over the center-field wall.

Kiké Hernández homered on Strasburg's second pitch of the second inning, another fastball, for a 3-0 lead.

Strasburg gave up three runs and six hits in six innings, struck out seven and walked one.

Buehler allowed one run and four hits in 6 2/3 innings before Kershaw came in.

There was a scary moment when Buehler hit Suzuki in the left wrist and the ball shot up and knocked off his helmet as the ballpark went silent. Suzuki fell to the ground, grabbing his face. He walked off his under his own power and was replaced by Yan Gomes, who moved behind the plate in the bottom half.

Meanwhile, the World Series will start in the American League ballpark because all three remaining AL teams finished with more wins than the Nationals or Cardinals.

ATLANTA (AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals turned the diamond into a giant pinball machine, dinging hits all over SunTrust Park.

By the time the Atlanta Braves finally got the third out, it was the most productive first inning in postseason history.

The Cardinals scored 10 runs their first time up and dealt Atlanta another playoff heartbreak, routing the Braves 13-1 in decisive Game 5 of the NL Division Series on Wednesday.

"That was crazy," said Marcell Ozuna, one of five players who batted twice in the stunning outburst. "We got a good opportunity — and we took it."

Before many fans had reached their seats, the Cardinals were already booking their plans for the NL Championship Series, where they will face Washington in a best-of-seven set beginning Friday at Busch Stadium. The Nationals knocked off the fa-

Cards deal Braves another playoff heartbreak

vored Los Angeles Dodgers 7-3 in their own Game 5, getting a grand slam from Howie Kendrick in the 10th inning.

It will be St. Louis' first NLCS trip since 2014.

"We know we can beat anyone at this point," Kolten Wong said.

For the Braves, it might take a while to get over this debacle.

After pitching seven scoreless innings in a Game 2 win, Mike Foltynewicz retired only one hitter before getting yanked. First baseman Freddie Freeman booted a potential double-play ball that might have limited the damage. The Cardinals scored their final run of the inning on a strikeout — a wild pitch in the dirt that skipped away from catcher Brian McCann.

"We just strung together a bunch of great at-bats,"

Wong said.

It was Atlanta's 10th straight postseason round loss since its last victory 18 long years ago, tying the ignominious mark set by the Chicago Cubs between 1908 and 2003.

Carrying on the tradition that started at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, moved on to Turner Field and is now becoming an annual occurrence at SunTrust Park, it was a visiting team that got to celebrate in the A-T-L.

The Cardinals broke out Tshirts and caps, hopped around in the middle of the infield and gathered on the pitcher's mound for a team portrait with the center field video board looming as a backdrop.

For the 13th time in 21 postseason appearances since moving to Atlanta, the Braves finished the year with a loss on their home field.

"It was more of a shock than anything," said Josh Donaldson, whose homer provided the lone Atlanta run. "You don't expect something like that to happen, especially with how well we played all season."

The Cardinals batted around and got more than second time before the Braves even came to the plate.

Tommy Edman, Dexter Fowler and Wong all had two-run doubles as St. Louis equaled the highest-scoring inning in postseason history, a record set by the Philadelphia Athletics against the Chicago Cubs in the 1929 World Series. It was matched by the Detroit Tigers (1968 World Series vs. St. Louis), the Anaheim Angels (2002 ALCS vs. Minnesota) and, now, the Cardinals.

No team had ever scored 10 runs in the very first inning of a postseason game. It was the first time the Braves franchise has allowed that many opening-inning runs in any game since they were in Boston on July 2, 1925, against the Brooklyn Robins.

The Cardinals made several halfway through their order a changes after their 10-spot in what might've been the first set of defensive moves ever made by a team before its opponent had batted. There was no need to worry about any more offense with budding ace Jack Flaherty on the mound, coming off one of the great second halves by a starting pitcher in baseball history.

"We took the crowd out of it," Fowler said. "We knew Folty would try to get ahead of us. We were trying to get some good pitches to hit. It

was a little easier to see the ball today."

Manager Mike Shildt let the 23-year-old Flaherty throw 104 pitches over six innings, surrendering four hits for the first postseason win of his blossoming career. Flaherty loaded the bases in the fifth after drilling Ronald Acuña Jr. with a fastball, but induced an inning-ending groundout from Freeman.

This one, though, will long be remembered for what happened before Flaherty even took the mound.

Foltynewicz, who didn't walk anyone in Game 2, started ominously with a walk to Fowler. Wong followed with a sacrifice bunt—the only hitter Foltynewicz retired.

Paul Goldschmidt reached on an infield hit, and the crowd stirred nervously when Marcell Ozuna lined another single to right to bring home the first run.

After China issue, NBA salary cap drop seen

NEW YORK—At least five NBA teams are having their salary cap personnel plan for a scenario in which the cap for the 2020-21 season could drop between 10 and 15 percent due to the current situation between the NBA and

This is part of the teams' regular seasonal planning, but "it's like the cap spike, but opposite," a league source told Yahoo Sports. "After all the money everyone spent last summer, this would have a major impact on all of us."

China, league sources said.

Last month, the NBA released an updated cap projection of \$116 million for the 2020-21 season. That projection is nearly \$7 million higher than the figure of just over \$109 million for the current season.

A drop of 10 to 15 percent would be somewhere between \$11.6 million and \$17.4 million off the current projection. A drop in the cap would also impact the starting figures for maximum salary contracts, which range from 25 to 30 to 35 percent of the cap. It would also impact various exceptions and the rookie scale contracts, which rise or fall by the same percentage as the cap does.

Scenario planning is a normal but major part of the process for NBA front offices. Every team has a dedicated salary cap expert, and some have as many as two to three people involved in the process. It's not uncommon for team salary cap personnel to estimate different changes in the cap from the league's official projection in an effort to cover all possible scenarios. A 10-to-15 percent drop would be quite a change, however.

One team's cap expert said



"I haven't really been in this spot before. The cap has only gone up in recent years. It's really different. I have to wonder if the league would be pressed to consider some measures to not drop the cap down so far from where we are today at \$109 [million]. Otherwise, a bunch of us are over the tax. It'd be nice to know now, because that changes how we approach trades and everything else throughout the season."

As it stands with today's \$116 million projection, just eight teams project to have cap

space in the summer of 2020. These projections range from \$16.4 million to \$78 million in space. A drop of even \$11 million would remove several teams from being spenders this summer. In addition, a handful of teams that currently don't project to be taxpayers could find themselves unexpectedly over the luxury tax line.

Lawmakers call for suspension of activities

Very few topics in 2019 are able to unite Ted Cruz and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

The NBA's China controversy has managed to do so.

The two lawmakers representing polar opposite ends of the political spectrum represented in Congress co-signed a bipartisan letter Wednesday urging the NBA to suspend its activities in China until the country's boycott of the league and the Houston Rockets ceases.

Along with Sen. Cruz, R-Tex and Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, D-NY, Rep. Tom Malinowski, D-N.J., Sen. Ben Sasse, R- Neb., Rep. Mike Gallagher. R-Wis., Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., Sen Tom Cotton, R-Ark. and Rep. Jim Banks, R-Ind. also signed the letter.

The letter expresses "deep concern" over statements from the NBA and the Rockets in response to China's backlash over a tweet from Rockets general manager Daryl Morey supporting Hong Kong protesters in their conflict with the Chinese government.

The letter continues to urge the NBA to "put our fundamental democratic rights Guangzhou Loong-Lions forward Andrew Nicholson, right, is pressured by Washington Wizards guard Jordan McRae (52) and center Moritz Wagner, back, during the second half of an NBA exhibition basketball game Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019, in Washington.

ahead of profit," a reference to the initial response from the Rockets and the NBA that condemned Morey's tweet as "regrettable."

Meanwhile, a day after a couple at a Philadelphia 76ers preseason game was ejected for holding up signs reading "Free Hong Kong" near the bench of China's Guangzhou Loong Lions, a Washington Wizards exhibition against the same team saw even more vocal protesters on Wednesday.

Activists carrying signs reading "Free Hong Kong," "Freedom is a universal value" and "Shame on the NBA" were seen outside multiple entrances to the Capital One Arena.

Even more protesters made it into the game, including one man holding a sign who yelled "Freedom of speech, free Hong Kong," after the singing of the Chinese national anthem.

A group of protesters also captured on video an interaction with an official in which their "Google Uyghurs" sign was confiscated.

The sign refers to the Uyghurs, a Muslim ethnic group that is experiencing mass imprisonment by the Chinese government and even reports of forced organ harvesting. Roughly a million members of the group are reportedly held in camps in the Xinjiang region, where the NBA also holds a training center.



Saipan Chalan Kanoa 234-DIAL

No MLS move, Messi plans to retire at Barcelona



can hear is fans sobbing after thinking they would see Lionel Messi end his playing days in Major League Soccer for Inter Mi-

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ami CF. Messi, 32, has told RAC1 that his plan is to retire with Barcelona, as suggestions he would finish his playing career at hometown club Newell's Old Boys or maybe to even join Pep Guardiola at Man City seem to be well and truly over.

The Argentine superstar has been with the Catalan club his entire career after coming through their La Masia academy, and has won four UEFA Champions League titles, 10 La Liga crowns and has been named the best player on the planet six times.

"Yes, my idea is to stay for many years. I've always thought this way and nothing has changed," Messi said. "It's clear that my idea is to finish my career at Barca. Especially because of what I feel for the club and for my family. We are very happy in Barcelona. From my childhood I have dreamed of playing for Newell's because of what football means in Argentina, but sometimes one has to prioritize the family. I wouldn't like to break up the friendships that my children have made here, as happened to me when I was little."

Messi did confirm he wanted to leave Spain in 2013-14 after the Spanish authorities launched an investigation into his taxes, and added that he relaxed about his current contract situation.

"In 2013-14, I did want to leave Barca. There was a situation that went beyond what I felt for the club. I wanted to leave Spain because of the tax issue. I felt mistreated... I don't think that there is anything new to report regarding my contract extension, but there will surely be no problem if it materializes. With the club, everything is always simple."

Now, Messi has said he wants to



Barcelona's Lionel Messi, right, passes the ball during the group F Champions League soccer match between F.C. Barce-Iona and Inter Milan at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, Spain, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019.

finish his career at Barca before but usually there was a caveat of saying, 'You never know what happens in football,' or something like that.

This time the answer is definitive and after reports suggested he is now on a one-year rolling contract at Barcelona, where he gets to decide each summer if he stays at the Nou Camp.

This commitment to Barca will be music to the ears of their hierarchy.

Neymar to Chelsea?

Chelsea have been linked with a move for Neymar as soon as their transfer ban ends in the summer.

Spanish outlet Don Balon say the Blues want to sign Neymar for \$230 million and after an entire year of not spending, Chelsea will certainly have some cash in the bank. But will they really have that much to spend?

Neymar, 27, wanted to leave Paris Saint-Germain this summer but his move to Barcelona or Real Madrid didn't materialize and the Brazilian superstar is now lambasted by his own fans in the French capital.

It's clear his move to PSG hasn't quite worked out, as his main aim was to lead PSG to the UEFA Champions League title. That hasn't happened and in his own words every PSG home game is now 'like an away game' as banners and chants against him are commonplace.

Would Frank Lampard and Chelsea want Neymar at Stamford Bridge?

There's no doubting his sensational talent and his box office name will certainly generate plenty of extra income and cover a large chunk of the transfer fee and wages. However, Chelsea may struggle to fit in Neymar's wage demands when it comes to financial fair play.

Per the report, it says that N'Golo Kante could be sold to Real Madrid to help finance the move for Neymar, which would not be popular among Chelsea fans. And even if you take the wages of Willian and Pedro out of the equation, both of whom could leave next summer, this would still take a huge financial package from owner Roman Abramovich. The fact Chelsea's Russian owner is currently unable to be in the UK has seen spending diminish in recent seasons, but having a year of savings in the bank should help.

Neymar would give the Blues an x-factor and would be the replacement for Eden Hazard, but what would that mean for youngsters Tammy Abraham, Callum Hudson-Odoi, Christian Pulisic and Mason Mount?

This doesn't really fit in with Chelsea's model of promoting youngsters, but that was probably only a shortterm thing anyway as they had to deal with FIFA's transfer ban.

With money in the bank, Chelsea could probably afford Neymar. But would bringing him to Stamford Bridge, and everything else that comes with signing him, be worth it?

On the pitch he will probably scored 25-30 goals per season and be a huge hit, but off the pitch it has often been another story.

SHANGHAI—John served his 1,000th ace of the season but it wasn't enough to stop defending champion Novak Djokovic from moving into the Shanghai Masters quarterfinals with a 7-5, 6-3 win on Thursday.

Top-seeded Djokovic is on a 24-0 sets winning streak in Asia dating back to last year's Shanghai Masters. He won his inaugural appearance at the Japan Open last week without losing a set.

Isner's nine aces against Djokovic took him to 1,007 for the year, reaching the milestone for the sixth season overall.

Third-seeded Daniil Medvedev continued his quest to reach a sixth consecutive ATP tour final after beating Canadian qualifier Vasek Pospisil 7-6 (7), 7-5 in their Round-of-16 match.

"I start to feel different even

Djokovic reaches Shanghai quarterfinals

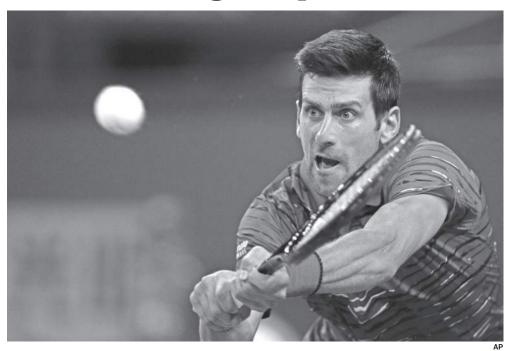
if I try to stay the same," said Medvedev, who added that other players "start to talk to you differently."

The 248th-ranked Pospisil lost his bid to become the third qualifier ever to make the Shanghai quarterfinals.

Pospisil failed to capıtalize on five set points in the first set, including two chances in the tiebreaker.

Medvedev's frustration got the better of him when Pospisil led 4-2, 40-30 in the first set, which led to him smashing his racket repeatedly into the ground at the baseline.

"I usually don't like to do it, to break the rackets, because it's never beautiful," Medvedev said. "But it's true that sometimes it maybe can help



Novak Djokovic of Serbia returns to John Isner of the United States during their men's singles match at the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament at Qizhong Forest Sports City Tennis Center in Shanghai, China, Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019.

to get some emotions out and get also the stress out."

Third-seeded Medvedev, who reached his first Grand Slam final at the U.S. Open in September, leads the tour this year with 56 victories. He next plays 10th-seeded Fabio Fognini of Italy in the quarterfinals.

"I think (he's) the worst player I can play at the moment," Fognini said of Medvedev. "He's really dangerous."

Fognini beat seventh-seeded Karen Khachanov of Russia 6-3, 7-5. Khachanov had won their first career meeting in three sets at the China Open quarterfinals in Beijing.

"I'm happy because I was losing to him last week and I was playing really good also," 10th-seeded Fognini said.

The 11th-seeded Matteo Berrettini of Italy outlasted No. 8 Roberto Bautista Agut of Spain 7-6 (5), 6-4.

Alvarez and company push for motocross revival

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Marianas Racing Association is back and hopes to revive motocross in the CNMI.

Cuki Alvarez, whose late father, Raymond, founded the Saipan Motorcross Club that introduced the sport to the Commonwealth in the late '70s, said he is now working with former MRA members to discuss the group's return to action.

"After 11 years of inactivity, we decided to open the club again and bring back the excitement of motocross racing to the CNMI. Racing is so fun and exciting and the CNMI race fans are absolutely crazy about the races. Every year, we drew a lot of spectators who came and spent the whole day under the hot sun, breathing dust and mud, and BBQ, and enjoyed all the races. Saipan needs that type of entertainment again, and MRA is excited to bring it back," Alvarez said

He added that MRA had to close its doors more than a decade ago due to the ailing economy and high cost of gas and bikes.

As MRA works on bringing the sport back, Alvarez can't help but recall how motocross became one of the attractions on the island since his father introduced it to the Commonwealth in 1977.

It started with his family putting up a motorcycle and hangliding shop in Chalan Kanoa called "Saipan Suzuki". The Alvarezes imported and sold Suzuki dirt bikes and people who bought the bikes needed a place to ride and race so the family opened the "People's Park" in Capitol Hill. The Saipan Motorcross Club then hosted three International Motocross events from 1979 to 1981, inviting riders from the United States, Hawaii, Taiwan, the Philip-



pines, Guam, and Japan to race against CNMI bets.

Saipan Motocross Club also held the Liberation

Day Motocross Challenge in Puerto Rico in 1986, while an-

Cuki Alvarez gestures to young riders at the starting line during one of Marianas Racing Association's events at Kan Pacific in Marpi.

other club was established in 1998—the Off-road Association of the Marianas.

According to Alvarez, ORAM held the Liberation Day Motocross Challenge at Kan Pacific, but after four years, it folded up, giving way to the Marianas Racing Association. The name was changed to "Marianas Racing Association" to reach a broader variety of off-road enthusiasts like rock crawlers, drag racers, and even mountain bikers. MRA then continued to host international races every year until 2009 when economic challenges forced the group to break up.

NMBA members compete in Guam

Fourteen members of the Northern Marianas Badminton Association left Saipan yesterday to play in the Badminton Invitational Guam 2019 this weekend.

The group is bannered by CNMI National Team members Nate Guerrero, Janelle and Jordan Pangilinan, Nicole Malasarte, Andreu Galvez, and Ezekiel and Daniel Macario, who competed in the 2019 Pacific Games in Samoa last summer. Completing the NMBA delegation

are Charlie Borja, Miles Guerrero, Patrick and Windy Fernandez, Jaja Bocago, Chris

Hilario, Edwin Montoya, and Shirley Kim.

The Badminton Invitational Guam 2019 will run from Oct. 11 to 13 at the John F. Kennedy High School Gymnasium. It is sanctioned by the Guam National Badminton Federation and will feature competitions in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles in U17 age group, open division, and class C (recreational) divisions. (PR)

Atkins Kroll announces winners of BMW golf tourney Atkins Kroll Guam and BMW the next level at Guam's most

Asia hosted the Inaugural BMW Premiere Golf Tournament at LeoPalace Resort Country Club last Sunday with Nalapon Vongjalorn leading the winners list.

Vongjalorn, who shot a net 70, was awarded the grand prize and will represent Guam to the BMW Golf Cup International National Final 2019 on Nov. 4 at the Sta. Elena Golf & Country Club in Cabuyao, Laguna, Philippines.

Other winners were Rose Tarpley and Louie Sunga (low gross women's and men's), Emeri Sunga (first in low net); Jam An (second low net); Warren Pelletier (second low net); Ray Blas Jr. (third low net); Michael Elliot (fourth low net); and Dave Blas (fifth low net)

"This golf tournament was organized as a customer appreciation experience for our BMW customers and to bring the local golf competition to distinguished champion golf course," said Atkins Kroll president Alex Hammett.

"This is an exciting new era for AK and BMW, and we are proud to be part of the BMW family. We look forward to hosting future events that provide our customers an opportunity to experience the BMW brand," he added.

The tournament utilized two of LeoPalace Resort Country Club's courses designed by professional golfers Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer. During the BMW Premiere Golf customers had the opportunity to win a BMW vehicle in four hole-in-one competitions. On the Hibiscus course's hole No. 4, customers competed for a 2019 BMW X1 sDrive28i, while a 2019 BMW X3 was at stake on hole No. 7. At the the Orchid course, AK BMW enticed golfers with a 2019 BMW X5 xDrive40i at hole No. 6 and a 2019 BMW 540i

participating

Tournament,

"Hosting the first BMW Golf Cup event allowed us to engage with our customers during a day of fun and serious golf. We wanted to give our customers a golf experience they would never forget while getting to know them better," BMW brand manager Yun Yi said, "We are excited to continue strengthening relationships with our customers and hosting future events that showcase BMW's commitment to performance, design and innovation." (PR)



From left, Goodwind Travel & Tour operations manager Jose Fajardo, sales manager Connie Morale-Mayers, winner Nalapon Vongjalorn, and Atkins Kroll president Alex Hammett pose for a photo during the awards ceremony for the Inaugural BMW Premiere Golf Tournament last Sunday.

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This weekend's tournament is supported by Latte Built, Gold's Gym, Subway,

Coca-Cola, Foremost, MAR-PAC, Rosal/Zest Enterprises, Island Touch by Philip, and Megabyte.

The competition will begin at 6pm. Doors will be open at 5pm.

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in the first set, 25-21, to move closer to victory, but Mt. Carmel 2 foiled Agape's bid for a sweep after taking the set in similar scores. The Lady Knights went on to complete the come-from-behind win after topping the third set, 15-8.

Meanwhile, MHS, Saipan International School, Saipan Southern High School, and Grace Christian Academy also returned to action last Oct. 3 after taking a brief break (one week), as the MHS Gym had to undergo repairs.

In the match pitting MHS 2 against SIS 2, the Dolphins eked out a 26-24 win in the first set and walked away with a straight

set triumph after a much easier victory in the second, 25-9.

MHS 1 did not share the same fate as their fellow Lady Dolphins following a loss to GCA in two sets. The Lady Eagles cruised to a 25-12 win in the first set and completed the sweep by prevailing in the second, 25-22.

The Lady Manta Rays also took only two sets to beat SIS 2. Saipan Southern eased past SIS 2 in the first, 25-15, and finished the match early with a 25-11 win in the second.

The Lady Geckos had a split last week, as SIS 1 came out the victor in its duel against Saipan Southern. After a close 26-24 triumph in the first set, SIS 1 overpowered the Manta Rays in the second set, 25-13.

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he found the back of the net in the third, seventh, and 23th minute

Three more MP United players hit the board in the team's lopsided win with Tom Kim adding two goals and Xavier Lee and Jeff Kim contributing one each. Edward Arriola III and Benneton Haro delivered the pair of goals for Shirley's, which remained winless after three matches.

TanHoldings 3, Kanoa 2

TanHoldings notched its third victory in as many games after edging Kanoa in the other co-ed U12 division tiff last weekend.

Andrei Kaithlyn Chavez gave TanHoldings' two early goals, as she scored in the 15th and 16th minute, while Mark Ryan Costales nailed the insurance in the 61st.

Paul Lizama posted the two goals for Kanoa with his first in the seventh minute keeping the team in contention. His second goal was made in the 69th minute and Kanoa ran out of time to catch up, as about a minute after Lizama's conversion, the referee blew the whistle signaling the end of the match.

With TanHoldings holding a 3-0-0 win-draw-loss record, it remained on top of the team standings, while Kanoa dropped to second

with a 2-0-1 slate.

BOYS U15 DIVISION Kanoa 1, MP United 1

Kanoa and MP United shared similar records in the five-team division after their first duel this season resulted in a draw.

Dylan Mister drilled the equalizer for MP United in the 68th minute, giving his team a 2-1-0 mark.

Earlier in the 18th minute, John Mark Anastacio's goal put Kanoa on the board and closer to the solo lead in the division before Mister spoiled the party in the second half.

TanHoldings 4, Shirley's 1

TanHoldings barged into the win column in the boys U15 division after downing Shirley's FC.

Mark Joseph Roque drew first blood for TanHoldings with his goal in the 19th minute, while the team's three other goals were posted in the second half. Ariel Narvaez and Oliver Fajardo gave TanHoldings quick back-to-back goals with the former scoring in the 50th minute and the latter in the 51st. Kohtaro Goto closed out for TanHoldings in the 69th minute, while Shirley's lone goal came from Gabriel Arkoh, Jr. earlier in the 39th.

With its 1-0-1 record, Tan-Holdings kept the No. 2 spot in the team standings, while Shirley's is at the bottom, sharing similar 0-0-2 marks with idle Matansa.

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KHS rallies past Mt. Carmel



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agman High School prevailed in an extended game against Mount Carmel School 1, as action in the 2019-2020 PSS Interscholastic Girls High School Volleyball League resumed last week at the Marianas High

School Gymnasium.



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Knights, as they lost the opening set before redeeming themselves in the last two. Mt. Carmel 1 won by 8 points in the first set 25-17 but failed to

finish off Kagman, as the Lady Ayuyus battled back with a 25-12 triumph in the second.

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A Kagman High School player bumps the ball during their game against Mt. Carmel School 1 in the 2019-2020 PSS Interscholastic Girls High School Volleyball League last week at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

tum of its victory in the second to pull off another win, 15-10. In other results, Mt. Carmel 2 also needed three sets to survive Agape Christian School. The Lady Torchbearers es-

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caped past the Lady Knights

MPU crushes Shirley's

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MP United Football
Club pounced on
Shirley's Football
Club, 15-2, during
their co-ed U12 division game in the 2019 NMIFA
Fall Youth League last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

William Lee, Miles Linden, and Takeru Jim toyed around

the defense of Shirley's, as the trio combined for 11 goals to hand MP United it's first win of the season after three

Mariana Islands
Football Association

17th, 20th, and 26th minute,
MIFA while Liden duplicated the
Satur- feat with his goals in the sec-

ond, sixth, ninth, and 14th

minute. Jim had a hat trick, as

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ROSELYN B. MO

Shirley's Football Club's Edward Arriola III, left, and MP United Football Club's Jeff Kim chase the ball during the second half of their co-ed U12 division game in the 2019 NMIFA Fall Youth League last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Record entry at Dee Clayton Classic

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In this file photo, the winners in last year's Dee Clayton Classic pose after the awards ceremony at the Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club.

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The 9th Annual Dee Clayton Classic Body Building and Fitness Championship set for tomorrow at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan's Charley's Cabaret will see a record field.

Dee Clayton, organizer and founder of the tournament, said that since establishing the event back in 2009, the 28 competitors for this weekend's contest is their biggest.

She added that the record entry for this year's Dee Clayton Classic is a sign that the event is becoming popular among the local community and it's a good thing because



the program aims to promote health and wellness in the CNMI

Clayton said she takes pride in the event's purpose, which is to motivate men, women, and teens to get fit and healthy. The championship, she added, serves as an event to celebrate the participant's fitness progress and motivate them to continue in their journey.

This year's Dee Clayton Classic will feature various categories including, teen body building, teen physique, teen bikini model, teen fitness, teen performance, body building, classic physique, men's physique, master's physique, women's bodybuilding, figure, bikini, fitness, fitness pageant, mixed pairs, and fitness performance. The age of the 28 participants ranges from 16 year olds and up and they are from all walks of life.

The Top 5 in each category will be recognized at the awards ceremony, while the overall winner will be selected from the first placers from each division. The Top 5 winners in each category will receive prizes courtesy of the event's donors and sponsors.

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